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### threat to cancel Muslim concessions

### Court ruling eases fear of communal showdown

LUCKNOW, Nov 8, (Agencies): A court ruling has eased fears of a major Hindu-Muslim showdown over a disputed temple site before Indian elections due in two weeks, local officials said today.

In another development, the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) announcing its manifesto threatened to withdraw constitutional conces-

sions to minority Muslims, in a bid to vie for majority Hindu votes.

Hindu fundamentalists said they would go ahead tomorrow with laying a foundation stone for a temple in the Uttar Pradesh town of Ayodhya next to a 16th century mosque. The ceremony is opposed

Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona and his bride Claudia Villafane leave their church in Buenos Aires

just after their religious marriage ceremony. The two also married in a civil ceremony earlier in the day.

(Reuter wirephoto)

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never has been officially

explained. The plane crash hap-pened five months after Malik's

arrest in Brazil on the heroin

Zia overthrew Benazir's

father, prime minister Zulfikar

Ali Bhutto, in a 1977 military

coup. Benazir's father was han-

ged two years later on charges of

conspiring to kill a political

power last year in elections after

Pakistani officials, including

some who served under Zia.

blamed the plane crash on Soviet

and Afghan communist agents

seeking revenge for Pakistan's and the United States' military

support of Afghan Muslim rebels.

■ Pakistan's powerful Army chief has come out in support of

Benazir's plan to fend off further

opposition attacks by broaden-

ing support for her 11-month-old

minority government. General Mirza Aslam Beg said

he was optimistic Benazir's

efforts would succeed, according

to Pakistani newspapers today.

"I am very hopeful. It will cer-tainly happen," he was quoted as

saying.
"Everyone should work for

it," Beg said, according to the government-controlled Pakistan

Zia's death.

Benazir's party returned to

But Home Minister Buta Singh said today in Lucknow, the state capital, that the fundamentalist Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) had agreed to abide by a court decision banning construction in an area

round the mosque. Hindus carrying holy bricks converged on Ayod-hya to lay the foundation of temple near the mosque.

Despite Muslim opposition, Hindu fundamentalists said they would go ahead with the ceremony tomorrow.

Buta Singh, eager to defuse the volatile situation, said the state advocate-general had advised him that (Continued on Page 2) Special coverage Page 12

# Jordan holds Fard Conference of the constant of the conference of the conferenc

First in 22 years

AMMAN, Nov 8, (UPI): Jordanians voted in their first general election in 22 years today, columning a campaign that allowed unprecedented public debate of the issues and open criticism of ent in the moderate Arab state.

ficials said turnout was moderate to heavy throughout the kingdom, and no incidents were

Asotal of 635 candidates were running for 80 seats in the House of Representatives. The first unofficial could be announced tomorrow.

About 1,100 polling stations opened at 7 am some 870,000 voters were eligible to vote. About 16,000 county personnel were on duty to keep order until the polls closed tonight.

Expers before the midnight deadline that brought a hah to all campaigning yesterday, several house applicates held railies—gatherings that have become the centre of the elections process where people can



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4 in W. Beirut

Muawad may be target

BEIRUT, Nov 8, (Agencies): A powerful car bomb exploded in Syrian-policed West Beirut today, killing four people and wounding 19 others an hour before newly elected President Rene Muswad arrived in

the city's Muslim sector.
Police said a boy, a 37-year-old woman identified as Lara Matar and

a vegetable vendor were among the dead. The wounded included three

members of a Muslim family and a 70-year-old unidentified man, accor-

ding to police.
They said a red Volvo exploded in

the Caracas neighbourhood, about three blocks from a posh villa put at

Muawad's disposal by a Lebapese business tycoon in Saudi Arabia, Rafiq Hariri.

The presidential palace, the seat of

the head of state, is occupied by army, commander Gen. Michel Aoun, who rejected Muzwad's election Sunday.

Muawad arrived from north Lebanon aboard a Middle East

Airlines plane that landed an hour

after the explosion. He was whisked to another Hariri-owned property, 2

plex apartment building at Ramlet

There were no throngs to welcome

him as his arrival route was kept secret. But Syrian and Lebanese

Weather

duplex apartment binuing at the Baids, far from the explosion site.

troops fired into the air to celebrate. Strict security measures were taken around the seven-storey Hariri

building. Syrian troops and Lebanese riot policemen scaled off all roads and prevented people from approa-

Muswad a 64-year-old Maronite

Catholic, has been holding consulta-tions with various politicians in north Lebanon since his election.

the week, Muswad would announce

the formation of national reconcilia-

tion government to end 14 years of

#### freely criticise the government. "Everybody has plenty of freedom. This is the first time in our history," said Rony Gammo, a 35-year-old accountant at a crowded rally for a candidate. "Before nobody could talk like this. Now, they can express their opinions, their questions without fear." In an effort to broaden public participation in the government, King Hussein, called for the first free democratic elections in more

than 30 years. Western diplomats said the

elections were a shrewd move by the monarch to vent pent-up criticism in a time of economic difficulty. At the same time, enough safeguards were in place to prevent Hussein from losing control of Parliament.

Jordan, one of the most strategic buffer between Israel and the Arab states of Iraq, Syria and Saudi Arabia. Also, Jordan has the longest border with Israel of any Arab state.

The last truly free general elections in 1956 resulted in a leftist coup attempt and a ban on political parties that remains in

In addition to giving democracy a chance in Jordan, the elections institutionalise Jordan's disengagement from the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Hussein dissolved the 60-member House of Representatives elected in 1967, on July 30, 1988, shortly after he renounced nearly 40 years of claims to the West

The previous Parliament was comprised of 30 members from the West Bank and 30 from the East Bank, which is Jordan

ballots in by-elections in 1984.

There were eight women can-

The new-found freedom to

express views and openly criticise

the government has led to an

explosion of public involvement

in the campaign. Newspapers were filled with advertisements

for candidates and the streets

Lebanese Communist Party chief George Hawi threatened to kill Aoun today. Jordan's first elections were in for rebelling against Muawad and thereby hindering a peace process in 1950, shortly after independence from Britain, when the East and the war-torn country. West Banks of the river Jordan Aoun accused the United States of were united under the Hashemite

having advance knowledge about a reported attempt on his life, and supporters of the defiant general stepped up their campaign against Muawad. Almost a third of the country's 3 million citizens were eligible to vote today in the general elec-tions for the first time in their "(The Americans) reported about the incident before it took place," Aoun told a news conference yester-day at his headquarters in the lives. It also was the first time women could vote in a general presentate palace of Baabda, referring to the reported weekend assassination attempt, "Something was going to happen, but thank God it didn't." ntial palace of Baabda, referelection, although they first cast

didates.

Security sources in Syrian-con-trolled West Beirut reported that Aoun escaped the attempt on his life Saturday by one of his bodyguards at

The Security Council last night hailed the election of Muawad under an Arab League peace plan, a not-so-thinly veiled rebuke to Aoun.

ISLAMABAD, Nov 8, (Agencies): A government spokesman today denied an allegation by a convicted Pakistani heroin smuggler on trial in the United States that Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's governing party once contracted for the assassin-

Beg backs Benazir

**Finally** 

ation of her predecessor.
"It's another attempt by the drug mafia to discredit the government because of Benazir Bhutto's campaign against the drug trade," said Bashir Riaz, foreign

press adviser to Benazir. US officials acknowledge that the Benazir government has

made progress against drug smugglers in Afghanistan and Pakistan, who supply about 80
Pakistan, who supply about 80
per cent of the heroin sold in
Europe and 25 per cent of the
drug sold in the United States.
Mushtaq Malik, who
previously served a prison term

for heroin trafficking in Pakistan, is on trial again in Springfield, Massachusetts, on charges of conspiring to smuggle \$10 million worth of heroin into the United States. He startled prosecutors by tes-

tifying that he was actually trying to hire a Jordanian drug dealer to assassinate Pakistan's late military ruler, President Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, on orders from Benazir's Pakistan People's Party.

Zia. US ambassador Arnold Raphel and 28 others died in an August 1988 plane crash that

### Pakistan govt No new Gulf war denies Zia plot foreseen

NICOSIA, Nov 8, (Reuter): An six-member Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) believed Iran and Iraq wanted peace and did not envisage a new war "at least for the present."

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef Bin Alawi was speaking at a news conference in Muscat at the end of a three-day session held by GCC foreign ministers during which they drafted an agenda for next month's summit in Oman.

"We are confident that both Iraq and Iran seriously want to reach a peace agreement," the Omani News Agency quoted

Alawi as saying.
Iran and Iraq ended their eight-year-long conflict in August 1988 under a UN-sponsored ceasefire but have since made no real progress in talks aimed at a durable peace.

#### Pele wants to be president

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 8, (AP): Ex-soccer superstar Pele says he'd like to run for president of Brazil in

five years.
Pele, whose real name is Edson
Arantes do Nascimento, 49, said yesterday he wasn't prepared to run for office now but would be ready by 1994, when Brazil's next presidential election is scheduled.

The soccer superstar, who played on Brazil's World Cup champion teams in 1958, 1962 and 1970, is immensely popular in this soccercrazed nation of 144 million and is

# E. Germany 'to hold' polls

### New politburo formed

EAST BERLIN, Nov 8, (Agencies): East Germany is working towards free elections which could theoretically cost the rul-ing Communist Party its leading role, a top party official told a news conference today. Guenter Schabowski, respon-

sible for the media in the new party politburo, said the policymaking central committee would propose a new election law which would allow all political groupings with the right credentials to participate. "If we have an electoral law

that allows all political forces to announce their programmes and defend them, then the Sed (Communist Party) will accept the challenge," he said. Asked if this meant the party could be voted out of power, he said: "Theoretically that is possible."

But Schabowski, 60, expressed

confidence the communists would remain the strongest party. The Sed has 2.3 million members and the country's population is more than 16

One of the main demands of the demonstrators has been for free elections.

Schabowski said the opposition group New Forum was likely to be officially recognised, overturning a ban imposed on it

The communists should be prepared to work in Westernstyle coalitions with other par-

ties, he said. There are four other official parties in East Germany, until now satellites of the communists.

Communist Party chief Egon Krenz earlier replaced the ruling politburo today with a streamlined, reform-minded body in an unprecedented move

to end mounting opposition and the flight of East Germans. Seven politburo members, including Krenz, retained their seats, and four new members included a leading reformer. The move also was seen as a bid by Krenz to strengthen his leadership after only three weeks as

party leader. The party central committee, which approves leadership and policy changes, accepted the politburo's resignation at Krenz' urging and approved the revamped body a day after the 44-mem-ber cabinet resigned.



"Our country is going through a tense and extremely difficult development," Krenz said in a speech to the central committee.

He also indicated that noncommunist groups would be allowed a greater role in society. West German Chancellor Hel-

mut Kohl today promised to throw an economic lifeline to East Germany if its communist leaders give up power and introduce Western-style democracy.

He said West Germany had a national duty to promote economic and political change and there were fewer reason ever for the two countries to remain divided.

He spoke to Parliament shortly before the resignation in East Berlin of the entire politburo and its replacement by a new set of leaders.

The West German government welcomed the resignation as a far-reaching attempt to start

But in a state-of-the-nation address, Kohl urged East Berlin to go further.

"The Sed must renounce its monopoly on power, allow independent parties and pledge to hold free elections," he said.

"Under these conditions I am ready to talk about a new dimensions to our economic aid."

An economics ministry spokesman said: "The aid could flow to all sectors of the economy and industry but the initiative must come from East Germany."

Kohl warned that economic help would be wasted unless Fast Germany switched to a market

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IT is felt that the Gulf states should follow the rules of West European countries and allow expatriates freedom of movement among the Gulf states as long as they have an official residence in any one of these states.

The Gulf states should adopt this rule and the visa provided by any of the Gulf states should be accepted by all. Such a measure will certainly activate the economy

It is enough to say that traffic among the Gulf states will increase, particularly since security fears are no longer disturbing in view of the advanced security co-operation among the states of the Arab peninsula and the Gulf.

We are certainly missing many good opportunities because we are delaying the discussion of important issues and keep postponing such talks from one day to another and so on.

**Zahed Matar** 

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### **Grand Bingo**

Mrs Rosy Athaide has won the Third Full House prize. She will receive KD 40. The answer to the clue is 5.

#### filled with banners. See also Page 12 called "The King" by his fans. US confident of agreement on military bases in Philippines

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (AP): The United

This is going to be an important and, we think, a very successful visit, "said the official, speaking on condition of anonyminy.

The official also told reporters the United

Aquino arrived in New York late yesterday.

She was to fly to Washington today for the second US state visit of her presidency. White

national Monetary Fund, Arington National Cometery and the National Museum of Natural History are on her two-day schedule in the

Predicting "long and very complicated" negotiations over the future of Clark Base,

"I think that will be the compelling fact that will assert itself, and I think we will have an

agreement. We're going into it with that frame

Despite the drop in East-West tension, the bases remain important to Philippines and regional security and "are regarded by every government in East Asia as a stabilising factor," the US official said.

Aquino, whose husband was shot to death in 1983 after returning from political exile, yesterday accused the foreign media of exaggerating reports of human rights abuses in her country.

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States expects a broad agreement on renewing the lease for military bases in the Philippines when President Corazon Aquino makes her second official visit to this country this week, a senior administration official says.

States is confident "that, at the end of the day, there will be an agreement" on US use of military bases in the Philippines beyond expira-

The issue is expected to come up during Aquino's scheduled meeting with President George Bush at the White House tomorrow, and the two countries have agreed to start formal negotiations next month on extending

House talks and a state dinner hosted by Bush meetings with cabinet secretaries and leaders of both houses of Congress and visits to the Inter-

Subic Bay naval station and four smaller US bases, the official said, "We think there's a logic that both parties will see ... that these facilities do, in fact, serve the interests of both countries in very important ways."

# Cory government fails to defend human

MANILA, Philippines, Nov 8, (AP): President Corazon Aquino promised justice for victims of a 1987 case in which soldiers and police killed 12 land reform protesters and wounded 100 others.

Three weeks later, the commision she formed to investigate the "Mendiola massacre" of Jan 22, 1987, effectively absolved the lawmen and instead blamed protesters for provoking the confrontation.

The shooting at Manila's Mendiola bridge was one of several instances in which Aquino's promise of swift justice faltered because of

inefficient courts and a lack of political will to resolve the cases.

Other celebrated cases include the 1987 assassination of local governments secretary Jaime Ferrer, the 1986 slaying of labour leader Rolando Olalia, the 1987 murder of leftist Leandro Alejandro; and two attempts on the life of university president Nemensio

In each case, Aquino appointed "task forces" to investigate the crimes. Only a few suspects have been apprehended, and none has been convicted. In some cases, investigators reportedly identified the masterminds but they main free.

That has led to charges that the Aquino administration has failed to defend human rights. Last Saturday, human rights protesters picketed Aquino's appearance in Vancouver, Canada, her first stop on a weeklong visit that includes stops in the United States.

Aquino told a Vancouver audience that critics focus on alleged government abuses while ignoring abuses by communist rebels. But the absence of convictions also points to a general breakdown in the criminal justice sys-

"The wheels of justice grind slowly here," said Salvador Ranin of the National Bureau of Investigation. He blamed the problem on legal

obstacles thrown up by lawyers hired to defend policemen and soldiers accused in the crimes.

Victims' families also quietly complain that the Aquino administration appears to have lost interest in the cases and will not pressure judges to finish trials.

"I am deeply concerned about this." Aquino said in a recent interview. "As I have

mentioned this, not only in my speeches, but Justice is remote." I have also met with the secretary of justice and undersecretaries, so we can have a better

administration of justice." Relatives of Olalia, who was tortured and slain in November 1986, say they have been told privately by investigators the names of military officers responsible for the killing. But most of them have never been charged.

"As far as our family is concerned, we know who did it," said Olalia's son, Ronnie. "If someone is convicted, then that's OK. But if no one is convicted, it's just the same with us. arraignment.

Austrians killed

Charges in the Olalia killing were against one sergeant nearly four years ago trial is still going on.

Three other suspects remain at large, in ing Lt Col Oscar Legaspi, who also is south an August 1987 coup attempt.

Three suspects have been arrested a Ferrer killing. One was serving a life sent for murder but was released a few days be the assassination, ostensibly to appear at

### Thousands gather at Ayodhya

### Security forces sent

(Continued from Page 1) the proposed temple to the Hindu deity Lord Rama was "clearly outside" land disputed

Speaking to reporters in Lucknow, the state capital of Uttar Pradesh, Singh said state security forces would be on full alert to

ensure peace and harmony.

Muslims bitterly opposed the plan because they say the Biblical prophet Noah is buried near the

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The Vishwa Hindu Parishad, which is leading the temple campaign, said it would obey court orders banning construction

near the mosque. But officials in the northern state said there was still some confusion about the mosque's boundaries and whether or not Muslims would accept the com-

The controversy over the site, where Hindus believe Rama was

to Ayodhya tomorrow to perborn, has fuelled communal passuade the fundamentalists to delay the ceremony.

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad has spread the temple campaign A new Star hits town:

to India's 650 million Hindus by asking people to buy bricks for the temple and send them to Ayodhya.

Thousands of people of both faiths have arrived at the site and

sions. At least 200 people, mostly Muslims, have been killed in riots

prompted by it in the neighbouring state of Bihar.

The Dalai Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader who won this

year's Nobel peace prize for his

non-violent campaign to free his homeland from Chinese rule, has

Main opposition leader Vish-

wanath Pratap Singh plans to go

offered to mediate.

the state government has flooded the town with security to head off

The dispute could determine the outcome of what is expected to be a very close election on Nov 22, 24 and 26. Uttar Pradesh has 85 members

in the 545-seat parliament, the most of any Indian state, and is the key to an election victory. Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party, under severe

pressure from a surprisingly united opposition in the crucial Hindi-speaking belt of north India, badly needs the votes of the 100 million Muslim minority. The right-wing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which could have significant

influence in an opposition gover-nment, promised today to withdraw constitutional concessions to minority Muslims if it wins power in the elections. The BJP manifesto issued today openly threatened the

protection of the constitution ffords to India's minorities. principally the Muslims. It promised to review India's laws for different religions on births, deaths, marriages,

divorce and inheritance and bring them all under one code. 'Rajiv Gandhi needs the Hindu vote, but he can't succeed in that by appeasing Muslims," said Murali Manohar Joshi, BJP

general-secretary, at the manifesto launch. Sonny Abraham adds from New Delhi, the Election Commission has dropped plans to use electronic voting machines in a

limited number of constituencies

during this month's general elec-

A spokesman for the commission said this had been done after various opposition parties expressed fears that the machines could be manipulated to help the ruling Congress Party.



A long line of vehicles backs up on the main highway to the south as Thai villagers of Chumporn block the road to protest against alleged government slowness in responding to their plea for typhoon relief aid.

### 212 die in Thailand

BANGKOK, Nov 8, (UPI): Typhoon Gay, packing winds of 145 miles (233 km) per hour, headed for the crowded coast of India today, leaving 212 people confirmed dead and more than 520 missing in its wake across Thailand, officials said.

The American energy company Unocal announced today that an internal investigation into the loss of its drill ship Seacrest, which capsized last week in the typhoon in the Gulf of Thailand, showed the crew was not adequately warned of the impending storm and that the high winds and high seas ran in opposite directions, dooming the 361-foot (110-metre) vessel and apparently all but six of the 97man crew.

In comparison, ships off the coast of India were given adequate warning today of the approaching typhoon, also called a cyclone.

Dr S. M. Kulshreshtha, director-general of the Indian meteorological department said Gay was expected to hit the southern state of Andhra Pradesh sometime before dawn

He said the latest weather report indicated the killer typhoon with a core wind speed of about 145 mph (233 kph), was centred in Bay of Bengal, 220 miles (354 km) from the Indian

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (AP): Americans and Soviets have at least

Americans and Soviets have at least one thing in common — many don't know much geography and show "an astonishing lack of awareness of the world around them," a Gallup poll

showed today.

The survey, the first of geographic

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The weather department of Andhra Pradesh said the intensity of the storm was comparable

to a cyclone that killed more than 10,000 people in the state in 1977. Officials were preparing to evacuate people from low-lying areas and medical and relief teams were being dispatched to the coast, a state government

Spokesman said. In Thailand, where the storm struck on Friday and Saturday, the Interior Ministry said the confirmed death toll had climbed to 212, with about half of the victims lost at sea and the other half killed on shore.

Navy and fishery department reports said another 443 people were still missing at sea and feared drowned. About 150 fishing boats sunk, capsized or were dashed up on shore in the storm. officials said.

Meanwhile, Thai Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan today ordered relief aid speeded to victims of the typhoon after his government was attacked for failing to quickly respond to the damage caused by the storm.

Chatichai's cabinet approved a 500 million baht (\$19.5 million) emergency relief fund after thousands of angry villagers in ravaged Chumphon province in the south blocked a main highway yesterday.

knowlege conducted in the Soviet Union, was commissioned by the National Geographic Society to find how the United States compared with its neighbours and other indus-trialised nations.

The study found Soviets and Americans on average did all right but in some areas were far behind others in the 10 nations where the test

was given.
"We belive the results from the

survey point to a startling superpower comparison," said the Gallup organisation, which called the inter-

national geography survey the lar-gest of its kind. "Americans and Soviets have demonstrated an aston-

ishing lack of awareness of the world

Soviet respondents were, on

average, able to identify only 7.4 of

16 places on a world map, compared to a score of 8.6 for Americans, 11.2

for the West Germans and 11.6 for

Swedes, at the top of the list, the poll

Weak in geography

naware of world

But sources close to the victims

Muslim bandit complaining that the power station was contaminating his fish ponds.

the power corporation after holding them captive for five days.

In the second incident, Philippine constabulary headquarters in Manila said Lt. Col. Romulo Decena, assistant Mindoro Oriental provincial commander. was returning from inspecting a

ssengers were wounded.

### 21 rebels charged

ANGELES, Philippines, Nov 8, (UPI): The military today filed mur-der charges against 21 communist rebes believed responsible for the

Espino, Criminal Investigation

Killed in the ambush outside the Camp O'Donnell communications station in Capas Town. Tarlac province were Donald Buchner. 44, and William Thomson, 45, both employees of Ford Acrospace Corp.

a Defence Department contractor.

They were driving outside the station when armed men with automatic

### in Moro ambush Rebels attack convoy in Mindanao MARAWI, Philippines, Nov 8, (AP): Suspected Muslim rebels attacked a convoy on Mindanao island with grenade launchers and semi-automatic rifles today, killing two Austrian engineers and wounding four other Hospital sources said at least two Filipinos, including a driver and a military escort, also were wounded in the attack in Lanao Del Norte province, a few miles (kms) north of Marawi and 510 miles (890 kms) south of 3 In another ambush today, suspected communist guerrillas killed a deputy provincial military commander and a civilian in Victoria town in Mindoro Oriental province, about 420 miles (670 kms) northwest of Marawi and 100 miles (160 kms) south of Manila, the military reported.

In Manila, Austrian Ambassador Otmar Koler said the victims in Mindinao were working for the Austrian firm Voest-Alpine, which has a contract with the government-run National Power Corp. to build a hydroelectric plant in the area. But Voest officials said the slain Austrians were not working

for them but for Elin Union, another Austrian firm also working on the hydroelectric plant. Koler did not give the names of

the dead and wounded Austrians pending notification of their

"We are deeply shocked over what happened and we are arranging the best treatment for all those wounded," said an Elin spokeswoman in Vienna, who requested anonymity.

Maria Neisser, spokeswoman of Voest, said consultations were going on with government officials in Manila on whether to continue Austrian involvement in the project.

Maj. William Dormitorio. battalion, said the Austrians were travelling under military escort in a sic-vehicle convoy from Iligan city, 10 miles (16 kms) north of Marawi, to inspect turbines at the plant on the outskirts of this city.

Dormitorio said that at about 8:15 am (0015 GMT), about 50 armed men opened fire with M-79 grenade launchers, M-16 and M-14 rifles.

The military identified the attackers as members of the Moro National Liberation Front, one of three Muslim rebel groups fighting for an Islamic state in the southern Philippines.

said they had been receiving threatening letters from a local

Last Sunday, the bandit's gang released 12 Filipino employees of

Lanao Del Norte and adjoining Lanao Del Sur province are among the most lawless areas of the Philippines. Most foreign embassies advise their nationals against travelling there.

military outpost in Victoria when he was ambushed.

An undetermined number of guerrillas fired on Decena's jeep, killing him and wounding two military escorts. A civilian aboard a minibus following the jeep was killed while four other

Sept 26 shoting deaths of two US civilian technicians with a US communications station, officials said.
Lieutenant Colonel Amado

Espino. Criminal Investigation Service chief, said those charged with "double murder" included four ran-king members of the New People's Army (NPA) operating in Pampanga province, where the US-run Clark Air Base is located, 50 miles (80 km) north of Manila.



'Watch your head'

Actress Una Stubbs compares toothy grins with a prehistoric creature recreated at the Dinosaurs Live exhibition which she opened in Manchester. Una is to star in the city's Royal Exchange Theatre's production of She Stoops to Conquer, this Christman. (Reuter wirephoto)

trated milk that's low in fat, free of cholesterol and can be stored in freezers, perhaps making unnecessary large plastic jugs that clos

refrigerators.

"What we've done is to remove the milk fat, and replaced it with oil corn oil, peanut oil, soybean oil or whatever," said George Bookwalter, a scientist at the Federal Northern Regional Research Centre in Peorla Basically, we add water and oil to non-fat dry milk."

The vegetable oil is free of cholesterol, unlike dairy fat, he said Monday. The newly patented process could greatly expand milk markets and

provide new convenience to milk drinkers. "It's a very significant development for the milk industry," said Jerry

Oryer, an Arlington Heights-based consultant to the food and dairy



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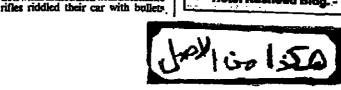
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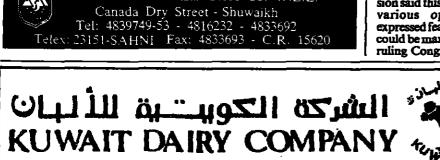
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Sealed with a kiss; Maradona and Villafane kiss after their legal



Maradona and Villafane speak to reporters after the legal marriage ceremony. Reuter wirephoto)

### Maradona weds sweetheart, throws 'party of the decade'

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 8, (Reuter) Diego Maradons, one of the world's most famous soccer yesterday and hosted a huge wedding party for some 1,100 guests including President Carlos Menera. players, married the mother of his two children

"But guys, it's my wedding night, I don't want to talk about soccer," Maradons, captain of the

Italian First Division club Napoli, told reporters minutes after marrying Cludia Villafane in a celebrity-packed church. A former Buenos Aires slum urchin whose talent with a soccer ball made him a multimillionaire, Maradona wedded the girl he met 13 years ago ma tenement house where their

The couple, who have lived together for five

years, have two daughters, three-year-old Dalma and six-month-old Giannina.

Dressed in a jet black morning suit with a grey waistcoat and matching bow tie and a trademark diamond carring, Maradona escorted his bride out of the church as more than 1,000 fans clapped and

Blonde Villafane, 28, wore an embroidered gown with a three-metre (three-yard) train and a tiara of silver and pearls holding a gauze veil.

The couple rode a vintage convertible Dodge to a nearby hotel for a roof-top press conference that quickly developed into an informal cocktail party where Maradona mingled with reporters.

The oriest told me I have to be first-class husband," said Maradona, visibly relaxed than earlier, when he punched a photographer on his way into the civil registry office where he and Villafane were married in a first civil ceremony required by Argen

The Maradonas had a late lunch at a pizza parlour right after the first ceremony.

The wedding party was held at Buenos Aires' largest boxing stadium, which had to be completely transformed to house what the local press trumpeted as "the wedding of the decade.

The wedding cake was 2.60 metres (8.5 feet) tall. eighed 150 kilos (340 pounds) and had a ladder for the couple to climb to the top.

### PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEW YORK: A booming art period brought 30 new records for position artists' works as autumn Application and selected off selections and selection bears.

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Security 2,000 bidders and selections watched from the main action room and on closed-circuit

relevision as pop art masterpieces and other modern art works went Roy Lichtenstein's "Torpedo Los" topped the record usr, seamy to \$5.5 million, almost triple the \$2.1 million record for a Lichtenstein. d the record list, selling for

The cartoonish portrait of a German submarine commander sold to an unidentified buyer in the auction room as the chaotic bidding jumped by \$100,000 increments in fits and starts. (Reuter)

LONDON: A block of "Penny Black" postage stamps, issued in 1840, were sold at auction Tuesday for 280,000 pounds (about \$442,680) Harmers Auction House

The 36 stamps, depicting the original Queen Victoria and oung Queen victoria and gamally selling for one pance each, see hought by a private collector to was not identified. The the set last changed hands (the basel for 525 pounds (then faut \$2,400), said Ray Haffner of timers. (AP)

RONTO: A homosexual oner has won the right to apply conjugal visits in a landmark test lanadian constitutional rights, Jawyer said on Tuesday. Enwyer Elizabeth Thor bral judge Jean Dube ruled that Thiothy Veysey may apply for conjugal visits from the man he light with for six years.

mas said such visits are ted every three to six months would allow the couple to spend 72 hours together in a special trailer in the grounds of Warkworth prison, Ontario. (Reuter)

### Matsuda dead

#### Cancer kills actor

TORYO, Nov8, (AP): Yusaku Matsuda, the award-winning actor who played a murderer in the current US-produced film "Black Rain" that was shot partly in Japan, has died of bladder cancer. He was 39. Matsuda died at the Tokyo hospital, Monday. He had been hospitalised since

Matsuda won the Japan Academy award and the Kinema Junpo award for best actor for his role in the 1983 film satire "Kazoku Geimu" ("Family Game") directed by Yoshimitsu Morita. In the film, which was a critical hit in the United States as well as Japan, Matsuda portrays a sadistic private tutor coaching a high school student through "examina-

in his last feature film, "Black Rain," now showing across Japan, Matsuda played an ambations gangster in Japan's organised crime syndicate, the Yakuza, who committed a murder in New York. Michael Douglas played the American detective who brought him back to Japan and pursued him through the streets of Osaka after he escaped custody. Matsuda also co-starred with Olympic gold medallist Florence Grif-lith-Joyner in a 140-minute television drama that aired Oct 7. In "Karei-Naru Tsuiseki" ("The Great Pursuit"). Matsuda played a detective who helps a sports journalist, played by Griffith-Joyner, in investigating a plane accident in which she lost her adopted child.

Matsuda was known for his frequent real-life brawls as well as his slender build and cool and cynical style. He made his first appearance on acreal in 1979 and appearance in numericus TV and acreen films.

### segurded as one of the constitution inest choreographers, said he will resign as co-director of the New York City Ballet on January 1. Robbins, 71, plans to continue

writing his memoirs and to develop an autobigraphical theatre piece.
The ballet company announced his resignation Sunday.

"It's important at my age to do ng from the New York City resigning from the New 1 ors va Ballet, I'm not retiring from the

The choreographer, who has worked with the city ballet since 1949, has spent most of the past year working on Jerome Robbias' Broadway, a medley of excerpts

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His ballets include Fancy Free and The Guests, while his Broadway work includes such shows as West

Peter Pan. (AP) RIO DE JANEIRO: A driver who lost control of his truck on a hill crashed into a house in the Brazilian city of Salvador - the same house

Side Story, Fiddler On the Roof and

Housewife Cristian Costa said in a television interview outside her demolished home on Monday: "I onened the door and said, 'not you again." I can't believe it's happened

The driver declined to comment.

### Church's first step for eve ordination

LONDON, Nov 8, (AP): The Church of England's General Synod in a vote yesterday made the first cautious step toward the

possible ordination of women. On the first day of a two-day debate, members of the General Synod passed by a simple majority the first clause of a propose amendment to canon law to permit

the ordination of women. The change was supported by all three branches of the Synod, the church's parliament. The bishops voted 30-17 in favour, the clergy 149-85 in favour and the lay members 144-78 in favour.

The issue of women's ordination now goes to the 43 dioceses for discussion, expected to start next

It is unlikely that the question of ordaining women will return to the General Synod for a final voteuntil 1992, when it will require a two-thirds majority.

After the vote, the executive secretary of the movement for the ordination of women, Margaret Orr Deas, said, "it went better than we thought. We are very pleased."

Some of the loudest apduring the afternoon's debate was given to the Bishop of Durham, the right Rev. David Jenkins, who said: "Ordination of women to the priesthood is not the end of the world. If the Church of England's making a mistake were the end of the world, the world would have nded long ago." The General Synod later threw

out two controversial amendments. One would have created a arate chuch allowing only n allowed a parish within a diocese which ordained women to transfer to a Diocese which did not.

The Church of England has been debating the issue for two decades, and some opponents among the clergy and laity have said they will break away if

ordained in Anglican churches, mainly in the United States, Canada and New Zealand. Women's ordination is a major point of con-tention between Anglicans and Roman Catholics in ecumenical

Speaking at the start of the debate, Archbishop of Canter-bury Robert Runcie said he would vote to allow discussions on the ordination of women to proceed in the dioceses, despite remaining undecided on the basic principle.

"I judge that the dioceses may surprise us by what they bring forward," he said. Explaining his dilemma, Run-cie suid on one hand he believed

theological arguments could jus-tify the ordination of women. On the other, he said, women priests would have a detrimental effect on church unity, as both he and Pope John Paul II agreed during his visit to Rome in Šeptember.

"I cannot deny the serious obstacles which this move has created there," said Runcie.

op of Portsmouth Timothy Bavin said be would consider resigning if the legislation was passed finally, despite being a supporter of women priests. III The Anglican Church's highest court of appeal on Australia has rejected proposed legislation

officials said yesterday. The Anglican appelate tribusal ruled on Monday that legislation passed by the Melbourne Anglican Diocese was invalid ecause it violated church doctrine and discipline, the officials

to ordain women as priests, church

### 'Night Stalker' case

### Killer gets death

LOS ANGELES, Nov 8, (Reuter): Self-proclaimed devil worshipper Richard Ramirez was sentenced yesterday to die in the gas chamber for 12 grisly murders in California's "Night Stalker" case.

In a chilling statement to the court riddled with references to satan, he solemnly told the court he was beyond good and evil and would be

Ramirez, a 29-year-old drifter, terrorised California in the hot summer night of 1985 when he crept into homes, often killing husbands with a single gunshot to the head and raping and murdering wives. A woman's eyes were gouged out. A pentagram, a symbol of devil worship, was scrawled in lipstick on the wall of a bedroom where two

elderly women had their heads smashed in with a hammer. "You maggots make me sick, hypocrites one and all," Ramirez told the superior court in his rambling statement. "I am beyond your experience, I am beyond good and evil," he said. "I will be avenged. Lucifer dwells within us all.

"You don't understand me. You're not expected to. I am beyond your comprehension," he said.

During the "Night Stalker's" reign of terror, Californians locked themselves in their homes at night and many slept with revolvers under their pillows. Attendance at night schools and cinemas fell and police told people to go out only in groups. Burglar alarm companies ran out of alarms.

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### Secord pleads guilty in scandal

### Iran-Contra case

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (Reuter): Retired Air Force Major General Richard Second, a central figure in the Iran-Contra scandal, pleaded guilty today to a single charge in a deal for his co-operation in the criminal

investigation into the affair.
Secord, the admitted mid-dleman who provided arms to Iran and to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels in 1985-86 when US military assistance was outl-awed, had been scheduled to go on trial on Monday on 12

criminal charges.

The plea deal, which calls for the dismissal of the case against Secord, requires him to cooperate in the continuous investigation by the Iran-Contra independent special prosecutor, a spokeswoman for the

prosecutor said. Secord had been charged with nine counts of obstructing and lying during his testimony as the leadoff witness in 1987 to the special congressional committees that investigated the scandal, which caused the worst crisis during Ronald Reagan's

He also faced three other charges for paying illegal gratuities— a \$13,000 security fence and a \$200,000 insurance fund — to his associate Oliver North, the former White House aide who was convicted last May on three criminal charges for his role in the scandal.

North worked closely with Second, the middleman who set up the operation known as the Enterprise' that sold arms to Iran and the Contras. It consisted of a maze of foreign firms and Swiss bank accounts that were used to conceal more than \$47

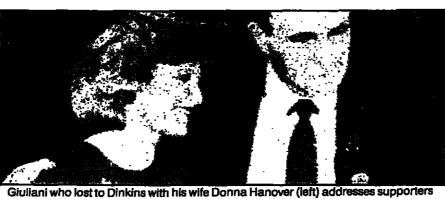
Secord admitted during the hour-long hearing that he lied to Congress on June 10, 1987, when he testified under oath that he was not aware of any money from the Enterprise going to

The Los Angeles Times repor-ted today that as part of the agreement, Secord agreed to cooperate in other investigations being conducted by the special prosecutor in the Iran-Contra

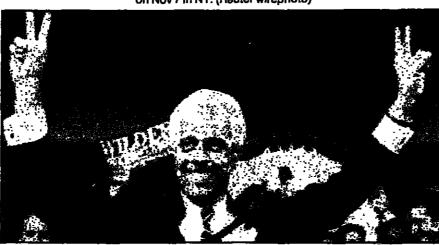
The Times quoted uniden-tified sources who said the plea could lead to Second's appearance as a prosecution witness against John Poindexter,. former national security adviser

## Blacks score historic victory

Dinkins is NY mayor, Wilder becomes Virginia governor



Giuliani who lost to Dinkins with his wife Donna Hanover (left) addresses supporter on Nov 7 in NY. (Reuter wirephoto)



Wilder flashes the victory sign with both hands as he claims victory over C



beat Giuliani. (Reuter wirephoto)

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (AP): WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (Ar).
Douglas Wilder celebrated today his razor-thin breakthrough as the nation's first elected black governor in off-year elections that gave black candidates significant political gains and hope to the opposition

Democrats.

Democrat David Dinkins was elected New York City's first black mayor and said voters had responded "with the voice of hope, here and in Virginia."

The volatile politics of abortion "helped me considerably."
Wilder said this morning in claiming a narrow victory still questioned by his republican opponent. Wilder supports abortion rights for women and turned the issue, one of the hottest political ones in the United States, into a cornerstone of his

The turnout of pro-choice voters powered an election-day nightmare for Republicans, the party of the White House. It extended to New Jersey, where Democratic Congressman James Florio reclaimed the governorship for his party and the Democrats also regained control of the assembly.

"It's a very tough day for Republicana," said Newt Gin-grich, the Republican whip of the US House of Representatives.

As significant as the shift in abortion-voting sentiment was the extension of black political success in America's large city halls. Led by Dinkins, blacks also succeeded white mayors in Seattle, Cleveland, New Haven, Connecticut, and Durham, North Carolina.

"It's a good day for Americans," Gingrich told the broadcasting network CBS, "When young blacks and other folks all over the country can look at a mayor Dinkins, a Gov. Wilder and say there is a future in America if you work hard and learn your trade."

The main event of yesterday's balloting was in Virginia, where Republican Marshall Coleman trailed Wilder by 7,700 votes of more than 1.7 million cast in the unofficial, final vote count. With all precincts counted, Wilder had 889,869 votes or 50 per cent and Coleman had 882,137 votes or 50

Wilder, the grandson of freed alayes, told jubilant supporters, "the people" of Virginia have spoken." Coleman did not conover," and that he would await a final, official count.

Wilder said the race was particularly close because of a high turnout in Virginia, and he told the ABC network, "notwithstanding that turnout, I still emerged with the majority of votes. I'm tickled pink." Both the Virginia and New

York races were far closer than pre-election polls had indicated in keeping with previous cam-paigns in which black politicians drew fewer votes than predicted by traditional polling methods.

Dinkins, like Wilder, waged a soft-spoken campaign that dwelled not at all on race. He replaces the often acerbic Ed Koch, who served for 12 years. and will surely bring a new style of leadership to city politics.

This year voters rejected the calls of fear and voted with the voice of hope, here and in Virginia," Dinkins said in victory.
"We passed another milestone

on freedom's road." With 99 per cent of precincts counted, Dinkins had 898,534 votes or 50 per cent. His Republican Party opponent, former federal prosecutor Rudolph Giuliani, had 856,448 votes or 48 per cent. Two minor party candidates divided the remainder.

"These were local contests in which the Democrats outcam-paigned us and ran better campaigns," said Republican Party Chairman Lee Atwater. "My hat's off to them, but I don't think it makes much difference at all with regards to the 1990 cam-

paign."
Democratic Party Chairman Ronald Brown saw things differently.

He called the results "a tremendously positive sign for us as we move into the '90s. It gives us tremendous momentum heading into 1990," when 36 gover-norships, 34 Senate seats and all 435 seats in the House are at

The contest to fill the US House seat left vacant by the death of Democratic Congressman Mickey Leland, in a plane crash in Ethiopia last summer, was headed for a runoff between two Democrats, state Sen. Craig Washington and Houston City Councilman Anthony Hall Most of yesterday's action was

in the nation's cities. Coleman Young, 71, won an unprecedented fifth as mayor of Detroit. Other mayors re-elected included Xavier Suarez of Miami, who won a third term, and Kathy Whitmire, who coasted to a fourth in Houston.

World can do without giants

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (AP New York Times columns James Reston, one of the most respected US journalists, says he doesn't join those who wring their hands and ask where giants of yesterday are.

He was around, he says, whe
the giants were Hitler and State

He's had enough of giants. Reston does wonder, as he retires, what happened to the idea that people in government were supposed to set the standards, not just shrug off their

He's not surprised that George, Bush is turning out to be a cautious president.

misdeeds with an "everybody-

"You get from George about what you see," he says. "I know that family. I lived up the street from his mother and father for 10 years. George is not the kind of guy to run a revolution, but he won't do anything stupid."

Reston does raise an eyebro over the president's weeker declaration that he would again with Vice-President Da Quayle if he decides to seek re-

"If presidents go on choosing people like Dan Quayle and tell ing us they're the best available you're bound to have problem Reston said.

After all, he points out, a country of two or three million "produced Mr (Thomas) Jefferson and Mr (George) Washing ton and Ben Franklin. I can believe we're getting anythin like the best people in gove ment today.

Reston retired Friday, on his 80th birthday, half a century after he joined the Times. He is

writing a book of memoirs.

He's an old sportswriter, and fond of saying so. He started for the Springfield Daily News in Ohio, in 1932, for \$10 a week and was a publicity man for Ohio state university in 1933, a travelling secretary for the Cincimisti Reds baseball team in 1934 and an Associated Press man in the recalls, a hovel of a bureauties London from 1937 to 1939, within World War II was for

the Times hired him away. He spent most of the rest of his life observing Washington. For 34 years, what Reston's column said was important to Washing-tou. He did his own thinking took the long view and was gens erally optimistic. He retired with out fanfare, but shared some par-ting ideas in a telephone

Trouble

He doesn't think the United States suffers from a shortage of great men. Rather than a giant, he likes people like Harry Truman: They knew what they didn't know."
The presidents "who have got-

ten in the most trouble in the last 40 or 50 years are those who thought they could do everything on their own and thought they didn't need a State Department? and could run it out of the White; House," Reston says.

"Look where the giants got us in the world, Stalin and Hitler, It think we can do without giants. If we just get a lot of pretty smart? guys around and argue it out we've got a better chance of coming out all right."
"I don't like the idea of people."

being in power too long," Reston says. "They tend to get corrupted or lazy.

"Reagan ran downhill at the end of his second term." And in England, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, after 10 years in office, "is beginning to get a little; schoolmistress-ish."

TV power

Reston says newspapers are better than ever. He says it is healthy when people don't like newspapers. "We're not cheerleaders," he says. "It's our business to carry the news, the way the mailman carries the mail."

But he salutes the power of television to wring changes: Newspapers wrote about injus-tice to US blacks for years, but the pictures of police turning their dogs on demonstrators, made the difference.

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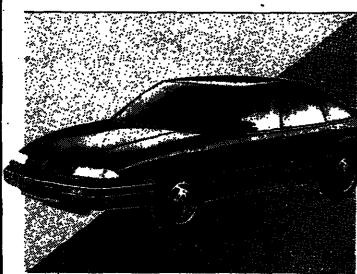
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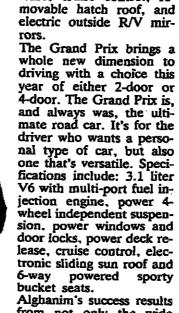
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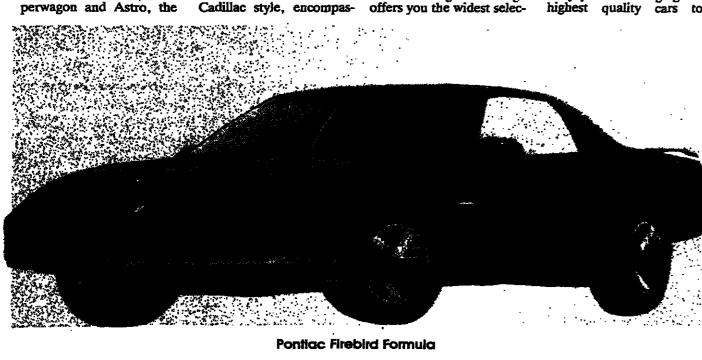
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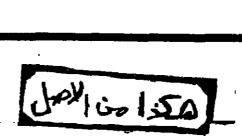
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# New UN peacekeeping force set up for Centam

(Reuter): A week after fighting broke out again in Nicaragua, the United Nations became deeply involved in Central America by setting up the first major peacekeeping operation in the Western hemisphere.

The Security Council, after weeks of delay by the United States, yesterday

unanimously approved the creation of a 625-person observer group to monitor Central American borders.

The council's action came days after the Nicaraguan government suspended a 19-month ceaselire with the USbacked Contra rebels, putting pressure on the 15-member body to act quickly. The purpose of the new peacekeeping force is to prevent any nation from attacking a neighbour, verify that rebels are not launching raids across borders and make sure no aid is given to "irregular forces" such as the Contras within Nicaragua and leftist guerrillas fighting the government of El Salvador. In his address to the council, UN

Secretary-Secretary Javier Perez de

peacekeeping force could play a political role of considerable significance."

The secretary-general is known to feel that the presence of a UN group might have belped prevent a deterioration of the Nicaraguan situation.

was in the interest of Central America that the UN force, known by its Spanish acronym of Onuca, has enough staff to fulfil its mandate.

The United States has been concerned that the force was not large enough to do its job. Some officials in Washington also were wary of pressure put on the Contras to disband before the Nicaraguan elections in February.

However, yesterday Pickering said that the humanitarian aid given by the United States to the Contras could be used to support their "voluntary

# GTON, North of the Times of the Bogota attacks

### Trafficker gets 15 years jail

esident BÖGOTA, Nov 8, (AP): A bullfighter, a Marxist councilman and 12 other people have been killed in four from George

There were no immediate indications that Colombia's drug cartels were involved in the killings yesterday, I lived up the the latest in a spree of almost daily slayings since the government ordered a crackdown on cocaine traffickers ge is not the ba

uthorities said they did not know who carried out an attack in which six people riding in a truck were killed by gunmen in an ambush. In a separate attack, a bomb killed six other people, police said.

Late yesterday, Oky Botero, a bullfighter who raised bulls and was a private pilot, was shot to death in an upper-class Medellin suburb while driving a jeep, police said. He was riddled with bullets from a passing car,

### More search powers sought

### US urges court

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (AP): getting at People in peopl duct searches in foreign coun-

> The justices were told in a case involving a notorious Mexican drug-smuggling operation that the US constitution gives agents more leeway when they investigate away from the United

lid ruling in the case is expected

baluly. I bushest bines representing the administration; said the foliath amendment to the constitution that provides US ditizens with safeguards against unreasonable searches were not designed "to protect rights in every quarter of the globe." . He described as "zaniness" any constitutional interpretation that would require US officials to set a warrant from a US judge

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US agents without a warrant in 1988 searched the home of Rene Verudugo Urquidez in Mexicali, Mexico. Verdugo was convicted in the United States last year of taking part in the 1985 kidnapping, torture and murder of Enrique Camarena, an agent of the US Drug Enforcement Administration or DEA,

and his pilot.

Verdugo, identified as a top lieutenant to Mexican drug kingpin Rafael Caro Quintero, is serving a sentence of 240 years of skillight of it back sill killing 

the power of US law enforcement officials, particularly DEA agents, to help in foreign investigations is at stake.

The Senate, in a defeat for President Bush - a former director of the Central Intelligence Agency - voted yesterday to place a new watchdog inves-

#### At about the same time in San-tador de Quilichao, a town about 210 miles (337 kms) southwest of Bogota, assailants broke into the house of local council President Ruben Dario Fernandez and shot him to death. Dario Fernandez was local head of the opposition union Patriotica Party, a Marxist-oriented political

group.
Officials gave these accounts of the other attacks:

A group of men attacked a coffee plantation near Quinchia, a town 120 miles (193 kms) north of Bogota, early Tuesday and a bomb was thrown into the owner's house.

Quinchia mayor Saul Botero told the RCN Radio network that six people were killed and five, including ranch owner Antonio Zuluaga, were wounded. He said Zuluaga's wife, the couple's two daughters, two nephews and a ranch worker was

Botero reported Zuluaga said guerrillas of the Popular Liberation Army had demanded money and when he refused the extertioners threatened to kill him and

Police said they have not doter-mined the motive for the ambush on a rural road near San Luis De Gaceno, a town 90 miles (144 kms) east of Bogota. They said all six people aboard a truck were killed by men who stopped the vehicle, opened fire and then

It was not known if that attack be related to a strike by 22,000 banana plantation workers in northern Colombia where both leftist guerrillas and rightwing death squads are active. The strike spread to 11 other districts Tuesday.

The strike affecting planta-tions along Columbia's Caribbean coast could cause a shortage of bananas for export to other countries.

Companies exporting ban-anas have said they were losing \$1 million a day because of the strike that began Nov I.

The strike originally was begun to protest the killings last month of two union leaders. Union members blamed right-wing death squads for the kill-

Now the strikers are demanding higher pay, shorter hours and medical care. The average pay for a plantation worker is the equivalent of \$79 per month for six-day work weeks of 10 hours a

day.
The president of the Association of Banana Companies, Jose Manuel Arias, claimed the strikes were organised by leftist guerrillas and were a "festival of terrorism."

Meanwhile, a US judge sen-tenced a Colombian cocaine trafficker to a 15-year prison term yesterday, the first time a Colomoian extradited to the United States has been jailed since a drug crackdown began in the smug-gler's homeland in August.

Federal judge Ralph Freeman also imposed on Bernardo Palaez Roldan, 44, a fine of \$25,000 for a 1986 conviction of conspiracy to distribute 300 kg (140 pounds) of cocaine.

Five foreign countries, acting on information given the United States by Colombia's govern-ment, have frozen \$60 million in bank accounts owned by a major narcotics trafficker, a US official said yesterday.

Federal drug Czar William Bennett said in an interview published yesterday he is angry and concerned that the country's political and education leaders lack the will to battle illegal

■ The Dominican Military High Command said yesterday it is not involved in alleged narcotics trafficking activities of a retired general who has been indicted in Miami,

# up draft age

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 8, (UPI): The United Nations begins today discussions on a convention on the rights of the child that, if approved, would allow govern-ments to draft 15-year-old chil-

dren into the army.

The issue of drafting age was raised by 62 US Congress members who requested yesterday that President Bush act immediately to raise the combat age limit to 17 in the UN convention because it was the United States that opposed such limit last year. The drafting age in the United

States is 18. The US legislators said there are an estimated 200,000 child soldlers worldwide and at least 95,000 were killed during the 8year war between Iran and Iraq

which ended Aug 20, 1988. The convention was presented to the General Assembly's human rights committee for its consideration beginning today. The assem-bly's 159 member states are scheduled to take a vote Nov 20.

The document, the first of its kind to protect the rights of chil-dren around the world, had been in the work for many years by UN legal experts, the UN Children's Fund and international organisations, putting together existing but scattered regulations regarding children.

It uphoids the rights of a child to basic freedoms without disregarding parental guidance.

But the controversial issue of

age limit for combat was not resolved during various meetings to draft the 54 articles in the conman George Miller,

Démocrat-California, who beaded the move to raise combat age and one of 62 House of Representatives who signed a let-ter to Bush, said, "there is absolutely no justification to Miller wrote a resolution co-

onsored by 40 other legislators and introduced it as a sense of the House of Representative to compel Bush to support increasing the rnational minimum co

The letter to Bush said the min-imum age for combat of 17 has been accepted by most UN member states. "But the United States,

through your administration, has opposed increasing the mini age from 15," the letter said.

"Indeed, the United States is now the sole obstacle to banning 15 and 16 year-olds from comba service, not even the Soviet Union is opposing the current initiative." The convention on the rights of

the child says in artilce 38 that "states parties shall take all feasi-

ble measures to ensure that persons who have not attained the age of 15 years do not take a direct part in hostilities." But it says also that "in recruit-

ing among those persons who have attained the age of 15 but who have not attained the age of 18 years, states parties shall endeavour to give priority to those The 54-article convention defines a child as "every human

being below the age of 18 years unless, under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained The convention says the "best interest" of a child should guide governments, private or public institutions, administrative or leg-

islative bodies in their efforts to

safeguard a child's rights.

It upholds the right of children to freedom of expression, religion, privacy as well as the right to education, health services and the benefit of an adequate standard of

### **Trouble** in Panama

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (AP): US Marines and army soldiers guarding a military site at Galeta Island near the Panama Canal exchanged gunfire twice last week with a small group of unidentified intruders, the Defence Department reported yesterday. "There were no known casual-

ties and sweeps conducted in the area at daybreak revealed no evidence of intruders or hostile fire," Pentagon spokesman Fred Hoffman told reporters in describing last Friday's incident.



Kid hitman

Carlos Manguinho Barbosa, 13, under police custody, after he shot and killed a woman protecting her daughter on Rio's Ipanema beach. Police told reporters that the boy is a hired assassin for drug gang in one of Rio's hillside slums. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Salvador forces blamed for slayings

SAN SALVADOR, Nov 8, (AP): After three of its members were abducted, tortured and shot to death, a leftist political party is blaming members of the armed forces and calling on the local army commander to turn them in.

The slaying of the young activists of the Social Christian Popular movement, discovered yesterday, comes a week after 10 people were killed in the bombing of a leftist labour union's downtown

Leftist political leaders blame the military for both slayings, which reflect increasing attacks on civilians in the country's 10-year-old civil war. There are widespread fears that rightist death squads are again on the prowl after a period of four years in which attacks blamed on them had declined. Julio Flores, a Social Christian spokesman, said suspected soldiers dressed in civilian clothes seized the three party members Monday night after a

(64 kilometres) west of San Salvador. The victims were found dumped on Sonsonate's outskirts yesterday evening bearing the marks of the

meeting in Sonsonate, a provincial capital 40 miles

### Slander: Sarney to sue De Mello

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov & (AP): A slew of last-minute lawsuits involving top presidential candidates could affect the outcome of next week's election. Brazil's first popular vote for president since 1960.

Front-runner Fernando Collor de Mello, ex-labour leader Luis Inacio Lula da Silva and television game-show host Silvio Santos are the targets of legal proceedings expected to continue up to the Nov 15 elec-

Yesterday, President Jose Sarney announced the government would sue Collor de Mello for slander after he called the president "incompetent" and "corrupt" on a 70-minute television campaign programme that is the only political propaganda allowed on television.

The superior electoral court ruled the accusations had "offended the president's honour" and gave Sarney the right to reply during the candidate's television

"What would he do in power?" Sarney said yesterday in his first televised rebuttal. "The presidency can't be occupied by

someone who doesn't have moral equilibrium. The court's ruling sharply reduces Collor de Mello's telev-

ision appearances in the last week of the campaign. Collor de Mello, of the centre-

right National Reconstruction Party, has led voter polls since April. His criticism of Sarney for 1,300 per cent inflation and widespread corruption has appealed to voters, 75 per cent of whom earn less than the average wage of \$36 a week. Da Silva, of the radical left

Workers Party, has been grappling with accusations that Sao Paulo city mayor Luiza Erundina accepted an illegal campaign contribution on his behalf.

Erundina, also a worker's party member, was questioned Monday by federal police. Although no wrongdoing has been proved. Da Silva admitted his campaign had been hurt by the

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### Voters rush to polls in Namibia

WINDHOEK, Namibia, Nov 8, (AP): Voters streamed to the polls for a second day today in historic elections for an assembly that will write a constitution free-

ing Africa's last colony.

Many voters camped overnight at the polls after standing in line yesterday, the first day of voting, without reaching the booths. Others, after waiting all day, went home to sleep, and came back to try again today. Fred Eckhard, spokesman for the United Nations monitoring

force, said about 30 per cent of the 701,483 registered voters cast their ballots yesterday, a figure he called "extremely encouraging." Earlier, officials had estimated a 20 per cent turnout

Eckhard said there had been scattered incidents of intimida-tion and distribution of bogus pamphlets aimed at discrediting the favoured party, the South-West Africa People's Organisa-tion (Swapo). These actions "degrade a process which is otherwise being carried out with self-control and dignity," he said.

Eckhard said UN officials were investigating allegations that supporters of Swapo's chief rival, the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, were forcing Angolans across the northern Namibian border and pressuring them to vote. He stressed that no vote would be counted unless the person who cast it had registered.

Seats in the 72-member assemly will be allocated according to the proportion of votes each of the 10 political parties receive during the five days of UN supervised balloting in the

predominantly black territory.

The election focuses on whether left-leaning Swapo, which fought a 23-year guerrilla war against South African rule in Namibia, will get the two-thirds of the seats necessary to write a constitution without consulting

any of the other parties.
The multiracial Democratic Turnhalle Alliance favours a capitalist economy and was part of a transitional government installed by South Africa.

The chairman of the alliance, white farmer Dirk Mudge, accused the South African government and news media of deciding in advance that Swapo was

"We are already fighting an uphill battle without it being made more difficult by South African assumptions," he said.

Lines were shorter today, after several polling stations stayed open hours past closing time yesterday to accommodate the crush of voters. Others ran out of ballots and the ink.

Voters are required to dip their fingers in invisible ink after they cast their ballot. The ink is indelible for five days. When voters enter the booths at the polling station they must put their fingers under an ultra-violent light, which will reveal the ink if they already have voted.

Officials said the election could be extended to Sunday if necessary, but Gerhard Roux. spokesman for the territorial government, predicted the voting would go smoother today because first-day glitches had

Roux said one cause of long delays yesterday was the large number of people who arrived to vote without bringing identification or voter registration cards.

Territorial and UN officials have agreed that no voter will be turned away. Voters without identification can cast ballots that are then placed in separate boxes so they can be counted later if the registration is confir-

"The people of our country will forever remember ... the feel-ing of expectation and election

fervour," Roux said. Namibians may vote daily through Saturday, and election officials hope results will be available by Nov 15. The constitutional assembly is to convene one week after the results are final.

Yesterday, some white South Africans, eligible to vote because they used to live in Namibia, flew on special chartered flights to vote at Windhock's airport.

Anti-apartheid activists will form a human

chain linking the white city of Johannes-

burg with its black neighbour Soweto at

the weekend in a gesture against racial segregation, church groups said today.

all races and religion will join hands along the 16-km (10-mile) route from the city to

the black township on Saturday.
"It is not a protest campaign. It really is

to demonstrate our unity. We want to be

one country, one church, one people, one humanity," said a spokeswoman for the

Organisers hope thousands of people of



Di being garlanded by the daughter of a British Gurkha serviceman. (Reuter wirephoto)



Charles shakes hands with residents of the Chuk Yuen Estate during a visit to the new housing development. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Di sees seamier side

### Charles speaks of HK troubles

HONG KONG, Nov 8, (AP): Prince Charles spoke today of the challenges facing this British colony after China takes over in 1997 and asked students whether

they planned to stay.

His wife, Princess Diana, saw
the seamier side of this British colony when she visited drug addicts fighting to break their habit at a remote island

rehabilitation centre. The princess, wearing a yellow silk suit, flew by helicopter for a private visit to the Shek Kwu Chau Island Rehabilitation centre, about 20 kms (13 miles) southwest of downtown Hong Kong, and spoke with addicts for

a little more than 30 minutes. Charles began the second day of his official visit by laying a foundation stone for Hong Kong's third university.
The heir to the British throne

said in a speech that "there can be no more important investment than developing and improving the education opportunities

available to all, to ensure that

would follow suit.

Standing for the Truth campaign, a coali-

The chain will pass through residential

areas reserved for coloured (mixed race) and Indian people around Johannesburg.

where only whites are officially allowed to

At midday, churches bells around the

"That would be the best way of express-

ing solidarity with the people of South Africa," she said.

city will ring out and the spokeswoman

said she hoped churches in other countries

tion of anti-apartheid church groups.

Hong Kong can meet the challenges of the 21st century," when the territory will belong to communist China.

He then asked several secondary school students if they would remain in Hong Kong after the territory reverts to Chinese rule. Local radio said the prince nodded his head and smiled when the students responded that they planned to stay.
The royal visit comes at a par-

ticularly sensitive time for this territory, shaken by China's crackdown on dissent and angered by London's unwillingness to offer the right of abode in Britain to more than fraction of the colony's 5.7 million people.

Although a half-page advert-isement in the English-language South China Morning Post today asked the prince for sup-port for granting the full rights of British citizenship to Hong Kong's people, there has been little sign of politics during the

trip.
As the Chinese-language

Human chain to link black, white S. African towns

Ming Pao explained in an editorial: "For most Hong Kong people, the royal couple's visit gives them a chance to view the graceful bearing of the world-famous Princess Diana. This is a happy and exciting event that has

noting to do with politics." Charles, heir to the British crown, and Princess Diana arrived in Hong Kong yesterday for a three-day official visit to the

Their arrival followed a fiveday visit to Indonesia, a last-minute substitute for a scheduled excursion to China which was shelved following the harsh June crackdown on democracy

demonstrators in Beijing.
The royal couple followed separate schedules today, mainly presiding over dedication ceremonies for a variety of buildings and public works.

Diana also visited HMS Tamar, headquarters for British forces in the colony, where she met with service personnel and

# Pollution deadline set

### US, Soviets, China, Japan, India dissent

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands, Nov 8, (AP): The United States, Soviet Union, China and Japan refused yesterday to join more than 60 nations in agreeing to a 10-year timetable for stabilising pollution blamed for global war-

ming.

A conference on global climate change ended yesterday with a declaration that, "in the view of many industrialised nations. stabilisation of carbon dioxide emissions should be achieved as a first step at the latest by the year 2000." Countries should work on reducing emissions by 2005, it

The conference left specific levels to be determined later. Key Western European nations, including the Netherlands, West Germany and the Scandinavian countries, had teamed with Canada to try to

They were joined by several developing countries, including

persuade all 68 participants to commit themselves to the end-ofcentury deadline, sources said. But the United States, Japan, Soviet Union and China refused.

nations are responsible for twothirds of gas emissions believed associated with the greenhouse

effect.
William Reilly, the chief administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency, said the "distinction was between those countries that want to commit themselves to stabilisation by the year 2000 and those including the United those, including the United States, who are not prepared to

say so at this time."

Many scientists say evidence India. A list was not provided.
The world's industrialised suggests that gases such as carbon dioxide, chlorofluorocar-

bons (CFCs), methane, and nitrous oxides contribute to global warming by accumulating in the upper atmosphere, forming a greenhouse-like that prevents heat from escaping. They say global warming could turn fertile agricultural areas into deserts and cut coastal areas under water as sea-level rises.

under water as sea-level rises. The declaration, in accepting the greenhouse theory, said the level at which the gases' chis-sions should be stabilised would be set next year by the UN-sponsored inter-governmental plinel on climate change (IPCC).

### Hun Sen predicts another civil war

BANGKOK, Nov 8, (AP): Cambodian Premier Hun Sen said today that civil war was "inevita-ble" in Cambodia because foreign countries who oppose his Soviet-

backed government.

In an interview with the official
Cambodian News Agency SPK,
Hun Sen downplayed recent victories by a three-party resistance
coalition that includes the Khmer Rouge and two non-communist

groups.

He accused China, the United States, France, Britain, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand of involvement in the guerrillas'

military activities. Hun Sen said a number of countries had not honoured their commitments to cease military aid to the coalition after the withdrawal of all Vietnamese forces from Cambodia last month.

"Hence a civil war is inevitable in Cambodia. The Klasser reactionary forces and their outside supporters are intending to make a test of forces in the military field within six months before they engage in a new round of talks," Hun Sen said.

SPK's report on the interview in Phnom Penh was monitored in

Hom Sen said the first stage of the guerrillas' strategy was to of Battambang, Siem Reap and Bantey Meanchey.

"Over the past months, the enemy has made the highest possi-ble efforts in their military campaigns involving almost all the armed forces of the three Khmer

reactionary factions," he said.
But he said the coalition's "noisy claims about their socalled victories are nothing but a ploy of their psychological war-fare."

Since the Vietnamese troop pullout, the Khmer Rouge has select the general troops of Pailin and moved toward Cambodia's second largest city, Bat-tambang. The Khmer People's National Liberation Front and a group loyal to guerrilla coalition leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk have captured a number of government positions in the northwest.

The Cambodian army is supplied with weapons from the Soviet Union and until last mouth was backed by a formidable Vietnamese force that invaded the country in late 1978.

Hun Sen accused China, the United States, France and Singapore of shipping military supplies to the guerrillas, and Thailand, Britain, Malaysia and the United States of training the two non-communist groups. China alone, Hm Sen said, was training the Kluner Rouge.

The premier said Chinese, American and Thai military advisers and some Thai mercenaries had joined the guerrillas during their recent offensive.
The United States denies send-

ing lethal aid to the two non-com-munist factions, but provides other forms of assistance. China and Thailand long have been the major backers of the coalition.

Meanwhile, guerrilla forces have failed to follow up their border successes with strikes deep in the Cambodian interior and are on the defensive, government officials here claim.

■ South African Airways (SAA) said it

was investigating the spread of Aids among its staff after a leading newspaper reported today that six of its stewards had

Cape Town's Afrikaans-language news-

paper Die Burger said six SAA stewards

were among 160 people who have died of Aids since the disease was first reported in

It quoted airline sources as saying that up to 100 of the airline's 500 male cabin

stewards could be infected with Acquired

Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

died of the disease.

South Africa in 1982.

# Beijing faces stiff sanctions

US congressmen agree

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (Agencies): House and Senate negotiators, acting with President Bush's assent agreed yesterday on a stiffer set of trade sanctions against China in response to last summer's Transmitted

The sanctions were included in a compromise version of a two-year, 9.7-billion-year bill authorising activities of the US State Department and related federal agencies. The measure now goes back to the full

House and Senate for final approval.

The measure contained harsh rhetoric condemning the "unprovoked, brutal and indiscriminate assault" on the thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing on June 4, noting that at least 700 people died and another 27 or more were executed afterward. The bill also condemned China's efforts to conceal the truth of what happened, including clandestinely

Red Cross men fail

### **Korean visits** at an impasse

(AP): South and North Korean Red Cross delegates failed to reach final agreement today on arranging visits between separated families, with the two sides still divided over terms for

an exchange of entertainers. The two sides tentatively agreed last month to allow 300 relatives from e side to exchange three-day visits next month in the second such exchange since 1945. They also agreed to hold a full-dress Red Cross conference on the reunion of separated families by the end

of the year. The two sides agreed to meet again next Monday to try to work out final details for the exchange after failing today to reach agreement on plans to exchange entertainers, too. Agreement must be reached on the entertainers for the relatives' visits to go ahead.

South Korea is concerned that the communist North would try to use the exchange of entertainers for political purposes and stage propaganda displays in South Korea.

South Korean chief delegate Song Young-Dae accused the North of sticking to non-humanitarian concerns and said emphasis should be on the family

Our side has nothing more on which to make concessions," Song said.

But Song said after the talks that a breakthrough might be possible at the next session if North Korea changes its poss.

Both sides were conciliatory day and avoided the political bickering that has marred past meetings at the Panmunjom

■ Police today arrested 45 radical students who briefly occupied a government party building, demanding faster democratic reforms and an end to the US military presence in South Korea.

The students, hurling firebombs and wielding iron bars, stormed a training institute of the governing Democratic Justice Party in an eastern suburb of Seoul at dawn.

■ The Seoul district civil court ordered the government today to pay \$197,000 US in compensation for the police torture death of a radical student in 1987.

Presiding judge Lee Kyoo-Hong awarded the compensation in his verdict on a suit filed by the victim's family, which demanded \$428,400 in damages.

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disposing of bodies and suppres-

set of trade sanctions, including suspension of insurance through the Overseas Private Investment Corp. for companies doing besiness in China, suspension of trade assistance, a freeze on exports of satellites, a halt to sales of controlled munitions, including helicopters and parts, and crime control equipment, and an end to sale of certain nuclear material and compon-

The sanctions go beyond penalties imposed earlier in the year by Bush, and the measure was initially epposed by the White House. But it was later accepted after Congressman Stephen Solarz, chairman of the House foreign affairs Asia subcommittee, agreed to make it easier for the President to waive the sanc-

In discussions with National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft. Solarz said, the measure was altered to allow termination of the sanctions if the President certifies such action is "in the national interest."

The conferees also accepted a provision that would impose criminal penalties on any government official who enlists any foreign government to carry out policies that are banned by US

The amendment was intended to bar use of US foreign aid as leverage on countries to support goals that the US cannot pursue directly because of legal restrictions. It is aimed at situations like using military to induce Honduras to support the Contra rebels fighting the leftist government in Nicaragua.

### Privileged ordinary Chinese

### Life of Mao's grandson

BELJING, Nov 8, (AP): Mao Xinyu tries to lead a quiet life at a prestigious Beijing University but is a celebrity on campus where he is known as the grandson of Mao Tse-Tung, the revolutionary founder of communist China.

"I'm just an ordinary student," Mao said in a recent interview. "I have 20 classes a week, and play badminton and Chinese chess with class-

The 19-year-old second-year history student at People's University leads the austere life of any Chinese collegian, with seven roomates in a cramped dormitory room where he sleeps on a bottom bunk. In their mini-hierachy, he is called simply, "sixth brother."

There is little resemblance between young

Mao and his fiery grandfather, who founded modern China 40 years ago and was adored by millions of Chinese during his lifetime. Mao Xinyu is instead a shy, chubby man who wears patched clothes and canvas army shoes.

But be enjoys privileges that come with his On most Wednesdays, when he doesn't have class, a black military limousine picks him up and takes him home, where he has his clothes

washed and an army cook prepares "good On Saturdays, the chauffeur takes him home via a nearby luxury hotel, where he is a member of the health club — he loves the sauna — and the trainers call him "Mao Mao." A regular membership at the club costs the equivalent of \$108 a month, twice the average city worker's

"I've lost 15 kilogrammes (33 pounds) I started going there a year ago," Mao said. He's down to a stout 95 kilogrammes (209 pounds), with a helty appetite to match.

His home, where his parents and grand-

mother live, is near the Summer Palace in northwestern Beijing. "I can't tell you more than that," he said with a chuckle. "It's a state military secret."

He is the only child of Mao's second son, Mao Anging, a retired Russian translator for the People's Liberation Army, and novelist Chen Raohua, who wrote under the pen name

His favourite class is the history of Sino-US relations, and he notes excitedly last week's visit to Beijing by former US president Richard to Beijing by former US president Richard Nixon, who paved the way to normalise ties between Washington and Beijing in 1972 with his historic meeting with Mao Tse-Tung. The young Mao said he'd like to go to Washington, D.C., and see the memorial there to president Abraham Lincoln.

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Lincoln was a progressive capitalist

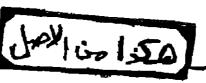
revolutionary, uniting the north and south in the civil war," he explaiend.

He also takes some philosophy courses, and enjoys studying dialectical materialism. When asked who his favourite philosophers are, be. replied: "Marx. And my grandfather."

Western and Chinese historians alike credit Mao with the abortive "Great Leap Forward" of 1958-59, a drive to increase production that ultimately plunged China into widespread starvation and poverty. He was also behind the disastrous 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, during which intellectuals and merchants were reviled, schools closed and Red Guards spouting Mao slogans went on a nationwide

revolutionary rampage.

"History will judge him as a great man, a leader of great ability, who made great contributions," Mao Xinyu said. "But he had some



Afrikaner Resistance Movement.

She said the chain had been inspired by a

similar move in the Soviet Union in August, in which two million people joined hands across Estonia, Latvia and Lith-

■ President F.W. De Klerk has agreed to

hold talks with the leader of the country's

largest white extremist group, De Klerk's office announced yesterday.

The meeting, to be held at an unspecified time this week, was requested by Eugene Terreblanche, leader of the Neo-Nazi

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# Row over swearing at Maggie

### Lawson departure 'strengthens' government

LONDON, Nov 8, (Kuna): Britain's main opposition Labour Party leader, Neil Kinnock, has been accused of swearing at Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, as they met on their way out of the House of Commons chamber, it was claimed here

The exchange took place behind the speaker's chair, but Kinnock's officials fiercely denied he used the word "bloody."

The row arose over an answer to a Labour MP when he asked about Cambodia during parliamentary questions put to Thatcher yesterday. Conservative Party sources claimed Kinnock said loudly "that reply of yours

on Cambodia was a bloody disgrace."
Labour sources hotly denied this version of the conversation and contended that Kinnock used the words "absolute disgrace". Thatcher was today in New York, having left behind continuing controversy and turmoil over her stance on the resignation of Nigel Lawson as chancellor of the

Last night in angry scenes at the House of Commons Kinnock pressed ber "to tell the truth about the disputed circumstances surrounding Lawson's dramatic depar-

ture from the cabinet." The chairman of Conservative Party

was quoted today as saying Lawson had strengthened the British government by

Far from weakening it, the resignation of Lawson has strengthened the govern-ment," Kenneth Baker told the Belgian

### Greek foes to meet

was today set to meet former Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou in a bid to find a solution to the political crisis in Greece arising out of Sunday's inconclusive general elections.

Sources in Mitsotakis's New Democracy Party and Papandreou's Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) said the meeting had been set for late today and that the two leaders would discuss the current crisis. Last week Papandreou refused to meet Mitsotakis either in a television debate before the balloting or for any other reason, and political sources said the latest announcement indicated he had changed his mind because the country was at a critical impasse

Mitsotakis, who received a mandate from President Christos Sartzetakis yesterday to explore the possibility of forming a government, was earlier set to meet Communist leader Hariloas Florakis.

He however postponed the meeting with Florakis on Papandreou's insistence, the sources said. Mitsotakis' exploratory mandate runs out

Hungary and East Germany will be a major topic when Bush and Gorbachev hold talks aboard US and Soviet warships on December 2-3

the permanence of change in the communist bloc, has begun cramming for the meeting by conferring with foreign policy experts.

He huddled with 13 diplomatic and intelligence experts at Camp
David last Saturday and had hunch with Zbigniew Brezezinski, former

The United States warship expected to co-host December's floating superpower summit in the Mediterranean has completed a lengthy refit in France.

The guided-missile Cruiser Belknap, flag-ship of the US Sixth Fleet, is due to sail on Wednesday from the naval dockyards to Toulon, southern France.

A White House spokesman confirmed on Tuesday that the 8,200-ton Belknap

is a candidate to stage the Dec 2 and 3 summit between Presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev. Pictures shows the Belknap in Toulon. (Reuter wire-

president Jimmy Carter's national security adviser, on Monday.

Cruiser shipshape

Bush, whose administration has until recently been publicly split on



#### Headscarf protest

Fatima Achaboun (right) and her sister Samira (left rear) arrive at the Creil Secondary School north of Paris wearing headscarves. The two sisters continued to spend the day in the school library as teachers forbade to admit them in class with the headscarves. (Reuter wirephoto)

#### HEWS IN BRIEF

Broadcaster convicted: A Muslim immigrant was convicted yesterday of racial agita-tion against Jews during his anti-Israel broadcasts on a privately run radio station, Radio Islam.
The Stockholm District court was to pass sentence against Ahmed Rami next Tuesday, He faces a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment. (AP)

Assassination — a mistake: A northern freland guerrilla group said yesterday it mistakenly shot and killed a self-employed tiler, thinking he was a member of the security forces.

The Irish People's Liberation Organisation, which broke away from the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army, issued a statement after police said the murdered man, Robert Burns, had no connection with the police or army. (AP)

UK crime statistics: Nearly half of all women murder victims in the UK are killed by a husband or a descried lover, it was reported here today.

Analysis of crime statistics for England and Wales showed that out of 236 women victims, 45 per cent were killed by their husband, former husband or

Scientists report progress: European scientists reported progress yesterday in efforts to tame nuclear fusion, the process which powers the sun and could one day make unlimited commercial

energy from water. Reporting new results at the British-based Joint European Torus (JET) experimental project, JET director Dr Paul-Henri Rebut told reporters: "I consider that the problems of heating and confining a thermo-nuclear plasma are now solved." (Remer)

Army to help maintain: The government called in the army yesterday to help police and volunteer groups provide ambulance services in London after regular ambulance crews were suspended for refusing to answer non-emergency calls.

Ambulance crews are staging a go-slow to back demands for an 11.14 per cent pay increase.

Health Secretary Kenneth Clarke, who is responsible for Britain's state-run national health service, told the House of Commons the army ambulances would be on the streets today and would be with-drawn as soon as union leaders agreed to resume normal ambulance services. (AP)

Explosion injures 27: A malfunctioning sauna sent a lireball roaring through a recreation centre in the English Channel resort of Margate, injuring 25 schoolchildren and two firemen.

Divisional fire officer Kevin Simmonds said a small fire was discovered in the sauna, which

exploded as firefighters tackled the blaze. (AP) Chernobyl death toll 250: More than 250 people who worked at the Chernobyl power station or helped in the cleanup after the world's worst nuclear accident have died since the April 1986 disa-

nuclear accident have died since the April 1986 disa-ster, a Soviet newspaper said today.

The weekly Moscow News put the death toll at more than 250 but gave no source for the figure.

Official accounts say 31 people died after an explosion and fire swept the station, forcing the evacuation of 100,000 people from the Ukraine and Byelorussia and sending a cloud of radioactive fallout across Europe. (Reuter)

Hookers enrolled: Prostitutes in the Netherlands are about to become card-carrying members of the country's largest trade union federation. The FNV Labour Federation magazine said the issue would be decided in a formal vote on November. 21 but indicated prostitutes would be accepted as

members of its service union. "They are workers, so they should be allowed to be members of a labour union," FNV service union chairman Lodwijk de Waal told the magazine.



### Out goes khaki

French soldiers marched into style with a new military wardrobe designed by Paris fashion house Plerre Balmain unveiled on Tuesday.

and, for women, wrap-around skirts peeling off to reveal Bermuda shorts, in the non-combat line-up

used to camouflage the soldier, hardly necessary for everyday wear," said the fashion-conscious chief of staff, General Gilbert Forray.

colour called "terre de France."

principle cannot be allowed to travel to certain countries." (Reuter)

prosecution case.

Chinese infected by snail-fever: One million people in five provinces of China are suffering from snail-lever and 40,000 of them are in the advanced stage of the disease, the People's Daily said today.

The disease, whose full medical name is schistosomiasis, is transmitted through dirty water and can be fatal if not treated.



Instead the army has introduced a new off-white

Admiral can't go to Moscow: A modern-minded West German admiral bas been barred from

minded West German admiral has been barred from going to Moscow because of old-style regulations.

Admiral Elmar Schmaeling wanted to accept an invitation to address the Lenin academy on "new thinking and military policy" but was blocked by the Defence Ministry because he knew too many secrets.

A federal administration court in Munich yesterday rejected his attempts to overturn the ban. The ministry said he was a "secrets carrier" who "in principle cannot be allowed to travel to certain court.

Cannabis trafficker sentenced: A Malaysian high court, north of Kuala Lumpur, today sentenced five men to death for jointly traffick-

today sentenced five men to death for jointly trailick-ing in 233,384 kg of cannabis in 1984. All of them are Malaysians.

In his judgement, Justice K.C. Vohrah said after considering the defence of the five men, he could find nothing which created a reasonable doubt on the



Out goes traditional khaki, in come bomber jackets shown in an army officers' club.
"Khaki is sesthetically doubtful and was originally

promise of no new taxes.

ing statement listing what he viewed as progress in his first 10 months in office.

ald Reagan for making \$2 million during a brief trip to Japan, declaring, "everybody has got to make a living."



### Laxity blamed for triple train collision in London

LONDON, Nov 8, (AP): Laxity and dangerous standards led to the deaths of 35 people last year in a triple train collision in London, an official inquiry reported yesterday.

Faulty wiring in the signal system was the immediate cause of the disaster during the morning rush hour on Dec 12, said Sir Anthony Hidden, the judge who headed the inquiry. The fault caused a signal to remain green although a train was stopped just

In addition to the dead, more than 100

people were injured when one commuter train rammed the rear of a stopped commuter train, just outside busy Clapham junction in south London. The wreckage was then struck by a

Hidden said the signal failure reflected a deterioration of the "safety culture" in the state-owned rail system.

"The relevant errors include the facts that working practices were permitted to slip to unacceptable and dangerous standards,"

"The quality of supervision was permitted to slip to an equivalent degree so that those unacceptable and dangerous working practices were allowed to continue."

Among 93 recommendations to improve safety, Hidden called for priority in installing radios in the cabs of trains and installing airline-style "black boxes," and more research on improving rolling stock to protect passengers in the event of an accident.

# **East Europe reform** irreversible, says Bush

### Economic upheaval major summit topic

in waters off Maita.

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (Reuter): President George Bush set the stage for his Mediterranean summit with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev by declaring there can be no turning back on the dramatic changes

taking place in Eastern Europe.

"I think it's gone too far to (halt) irreversibly...steps toward democracy," Bush told a news conference yesterday. "I don't think you can contain, now, the people's aspirations for freedom by going back to

The political and economic upheaval in the Soviet Union, Poland,

VALLETA, Nov 8, (Reuter): US and Soviet officials have arrived

in Malta to prepare for next mon-

th's superpower summit aboard

warships off the Mediterranean

island, government sources said

Neutral Malta will serve as the

land base for the December 2-3

summit between US President

George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The US and Soviet teams are

arranging details such as security, communications and

logistics. They are led by US presidential assistant Sig Rogich

and Soviet Deputy Foreign Min-

ister Boris Chaplin, the govern-

ment sources said.

During the news conference, Bush rejected Carter's charge that he has been slow in respond-ing to positive developments in **Preparing** Eastern Europe.
"We have done plenty, and the for summit

fact that some critics are out there equating progress with spending more money doesn't bother me in the least," Bush said. "I don't hear complaints coming out of our allies or, indeed, out of Hungary or Poland or Eastern Europe.

The president has proposed \$455 million in direct aid for Poland and Hungary. But critics say his assistance plan, which has been increased three times under public pressure, is inadequate, and Congress is working on a far

larger package.

Bush spoke with reporters before yesterday's announcement that East Germany's government had resigned and called on parliament to elect a new cabinet.

But he said he was cautiously optimistic about the performance of new East German leader Egon Krenz. "Some of what he has said

about political reform is quite encouraging, and really contradicts the very early, I would say global assessment of the man," Bush said, recalling that he and other world leaders expected Krenz to be a hardliner "You're beginning to see

changes that might ... (signal) new order," he added. Bush rejected criticism from environmentalists that he is stalling efforts to combat global war-

Environmental policy "can-not be driven by the extreme," he

Bush's remarks came as environmentalists democratic senators chastised his Republican administration for refusing to endorse a resolution before an international environmental conference in the Netherlands calling for specific curbs on global-warming gases by the end of the century.

Bush said he was pleased by his administration's progress and proud that he has kept to his

"I believe we have had so far a successful year in office," the President said in a lengthy open-

Bush refused to criticize Ron-



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### Reagan defends \$2m fee

Nov 8, (AP): Former president Ronald Reagan has defended the \$2 million a Japanese company paid him for a series of appearances last month.

"That's what was offered, and I didn't protest, even though I knew there was an actor in Hollywood who got \$3 million for just doing a Toyota commercial there," Reagan said. "I just thought that in 16 years I hadn't made any kind of money."

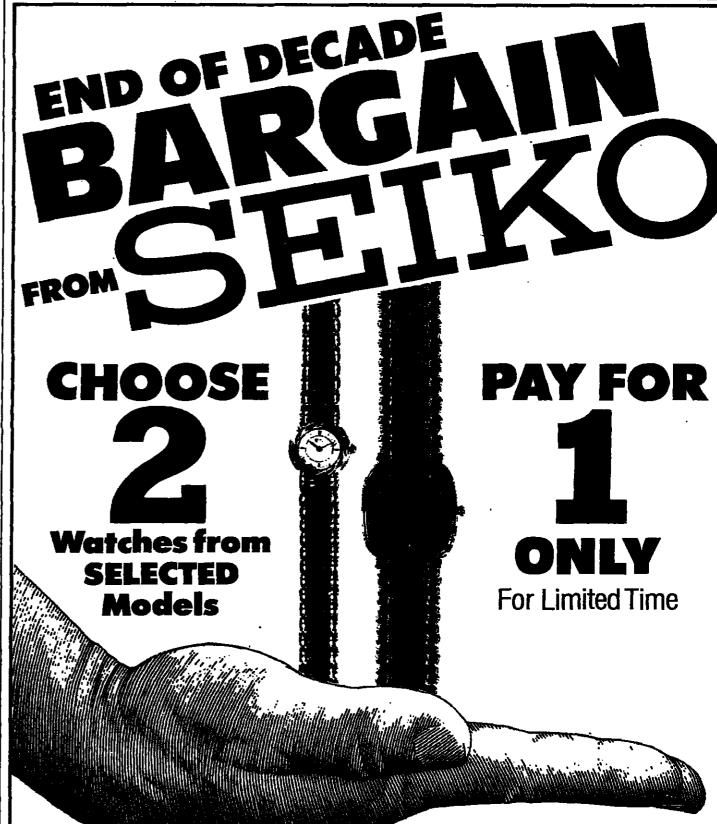
Reagan's speech yesterday to more than 1,000 members of the Hollywood Radio and Television Society was billed as the "unfinished business of his presidency," but the focus instead was on his comments in Japan last month denigrating the quality of US film and television productions.

The former president apolog-ised to the entertainment industry but said Hollywood should clean up its sometimes racy fare.

"I'm sorry that what I've said about this industry may have been misunderstood and I apologise to anyone who may have taken any offence. That certainly was not my intention," Reagan said.

Reagan said in Japan that he supported Sony's \$3.4 billion acquisition of Columbia Pictures Entertainment Corp.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with that," he said in a television interview broadcast there Oct 25.



# Efforts to bolster legal co-operation | Medico warns against

### **Arab justice ministers meet in Morocco**

THE Public Authority for Applied Education and Training held a graduation ceremony for the refresher

training course held by the authority for inspectors of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The ceremony

was attended by Undersecretary of Commerce Abdulla Al Hamad, Director-General of PAAET Dr Abdul

Rahman Al-Muhailan and other senior officials of the ministry and the authority. 47 inspectors from the

ministry joined the training course that lasted for 16 weeks. The course was aimed at improving the

Security co-operation talks

**Egyptian interior minister** 

arrives on three-day visit

KUWAIT, Nov 8, (Kuna): Egyptian Interior Minister Major-General Zaki Bader, who arrived here operate with Arab countries to combat all sorts of crimes and said "the Egyptian Interior Ministry

Goan follow-up

THE steering committee nominated at the last meeting held at

Kuwait Sheraton here on 20/10/

89 informs all Goan Sports Clubs

and Goan Associations and mem-bers of the Goan Community that the next Goan Community meet-ing will be held tomorrow Novem-

This will be the follow-up get-

to-gether to constitute a common Goan Committee and nomina-

tions will be made to elect an executive committee. The infor-

mation about the verue of the meeting can be obtained from the

local Goan sports clubs and Goan

get-together

welcomes all forms of co-operation with our Arab

brethern to exchange information, views and exper-

tise to shoulder our common responsibility toward

Co-ordination

For his part, the Egyptian Consul-General to Kuwait, Saeed Al Sultan told another daily that

Bader's visit to Kuwait "comes within the framework of efforts to further fostering brotherly rela-

He expressed satisfaction over the exchange of visits by officials of both countries over the past period and noted that Gen. Bader's talks with Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah

would certainly contribute to strengthening bilateral ties of co-operation in security fields and lead to further co-ordination between concerned

tions between the two countries."

Undersecretary Hamad (second left) is seen presenting a certificate to a graduate.

KUWAIT, Nov 8, (Kuna): Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Dhari Abdullah Al Othman, who left here today for Rabat, has said that he is going to convey a verbal message from His Highness the Amir to King Hassan II of Morocco during his visit to that Arab country to attend the 7th council meeting of Arab justice ministers. In an interview with Kuwait News Agency, Othman said his visit to Morocco will start today to attend the justice mini-

sters' meeting that is due to be held November 13-16. He said that HH has asked him to deliver a verbal message to King Hassan and to convey his greetings and good wishes to the Moroccan government and

GCC meeting

agenda for

MUSCAT, Nov 8, (Kuna): Min-

isterial Council of the Gulf Co-operation Council today held its

closing session here by adopting

a host of recommendations that

are to be presented to the 10th

summit conference of the GCC

Last night the foreign mini-

sters of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait,

Oman, the United Arab

Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain

Following the meeting Oman's Minister of State for

Foreign Affairs Yousef Bin Alawi Abdullah said the mini-

sters discussed recommenda-

tions presented to them by the specialised economic ministerial

He added that the recommen-

dations were approved and

would be referred to the leaders

of the council states for endor-

The Omani minister emphas-

ised that these recommendations, after being approved by

the GCC leaders, would broaden the sphere of economic co-operation among the member states.

He further said that studies on joint industrial ventures are

under way by the GCC and others are also being prepared on avoiding double taxation.

Meanwhile, it was announced

here last night that Oman's Sul-

tan Qaboos Bin Saced had

received the foreign ministers of

the GCC states who are taking

part in the ministerial council

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His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad has also asked him to convey his greetings and good wishes to King Hassan and the govern-ment and people of Morocco, the minister

said. He hailed the strong relations between Kuwait and Morocco which he said are based on full co-operation and co-ordination in all international, economic and legal fields and said these ties are distinguished on the governmental and popular

On aspects of legal and judicial cooperation between the two countries, Othman said it is being bolstered by officials in

PAAET ceremony

today on a three-day official visit to Kuwait, has

stressed the significance of co-operation among

Arab states in security spheres.
In remarks to a local daily on the eve of his state

visit to Kuwait Gen. Bader emphasised that Egyp-

tian relations with other Arab countries "have never

been cut off" and police and security ties were always existing "within the context of integration and co-ordination to combat common challenges

Challenges
"Arab co-operation in police and security fields

has proved its importance in past period, and at the

present time we were required to enhance and

promote this co-operation to cope with dangers and challenges facing our countries," Bader was quoted

He expressed his country's willingness to co-

threatening all Arab states."

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both countries, and pointed out the invitation extended to him by Moroccan justice minister to visit Rabat, before attending the council meeting, to get acquainted with the performance of the legal institutions in Morocco and to exchange viewpoints on ways of strengthening co-operation bet-

ween the two ministries. The minister said efforts are under way at present to bolster legal co-operation among Arab countries through the relentless endeavour of the council of Arab justice ministers.

On the issue to be discussed by the 7th session of the council, the Kuwaiti minister said the agenda includes several important topics on the unified Arab draft laws,

topped by the draft of Arab civil law and the unified draft on real estate registration.

The meetings are also due to discuss the plan on unifying legal terms which would be distributed to the member states after being approved by the council, Othman

The council is also expected to discuss the idea of holding a legal seminar on Holy Jerusalem, particularly after the recent Zionist attempt to desecrate the Islamic holy places there, the minister said.

He pointed out that his idea has come in response to the call by His Highness the Amir to take a clear stance in face of that flagrant violation of the Islamic shrines.

### Kuwait's backing of intifada commended

KUWAIT, Nov 8, (Kuna): A leading daily today praised the State of Kuwait for its continuous support of the ongoing Palestinian uprising in Israelioccupied territories and hoped that other Arab countries would take similar effective stance.

The daily said "whenever the Palestinian intifada is mentioned, the name of Kuwait and its role in backing the revolt and the steadfastness of Palestinian resistance is as well mentioned."

The paper said Kuwait has always been rendering all means of backing to the intifada and enlightening world public opin-ion on Israel's brutal practices and massacres against Palestinian villages and refugee camps.

The daily cited the recent address by the Kuwait representative before the UN Security Council, on behalf of the Arab states, in which he called for effective measures to combat Israel's atrocities.

#### Denounced

The paper also recalled the recent statement by HH the Amir of Kuwait, in his capacity as current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) that strongly denounced (OIC) that strongly denounced the desecration of Muslim holy shrines in Jerusalem and Hebron by Zionist authorities, and called for serious measures to stop those grave breaches.

The daily believed that "Kuwait appears as the sole Arab country that shouldered the hardships of the Palestinian people and extended all means of support to enhance their strug-

It said that "other Arab states have so far failed to take substantive moves to face the Israeli offensive" against Arab and Islamic holy places and hoped that the chairman of the Arab League committee entrusted to defend Islamic sacred sites in occupied Jerusalem and other leaders would initiate serious steps to stop the Zionist crimes

security bodies in the two countries. 94pc occupancy in '89

### Local 5 star hotels to increase rates by 20pc

FIVE star hotels in Kuwait will increase their rates by 20 per cent from the beginning of next year, bringing it to KD30 for a single room plus

The increase was the result of an agreement reached by the seven first class hotels in Kuwait.

These hotels had increased the rates for their rooms at the beginning

of this year by 25 per cent compared to 1988. The present rate for a single room is KD25 plus a 15 per cent service charge.

Hotel sources told a local daily that the increase was logical because there had been a sharp rise in the demand for rooms. This year the average occupation was 94 per cent compared to 51 per cent last year. They attributed the increase in occupancy to the greater commercial activities following the end of the Iraq-Iran war. Many local companies

began inviting representatives of foreign firms to Kuwait for discussions and deals about future projects in the area, they said.

ped up the demand for human parts, that greatly exceeded the available supply and this could portend the emergence of a danerous situation. To counteract this situation

medical ethics must be further refined and human rights protec-They agreed that organs valid for transplant operations could

illegal trade in organs

Ethics in medicine discussed

A VISITING doctor from India

has warned against turning tran-

splant operations into a trade,

which he described as humiliat-

Speaking at a symposium on "the ethics of the medical profes-

sion and human rights," he

called for the establishment of

strict constraints to protect

The symposium was presided over by the Ministry of Planning and acting Minister of Health,

The participants attached

great importance to the ethical

side of the medical profession as

it contributed greatly to laying down a sound basis for medical

Discussions at the symposium

dealt with the progress of science

over the last fifty years which had

resulted in great achievements in

the field of transplants, specially

of kidneys, marrows, and cor-

neas, and that thanks to this

achievement many patients had

been successfully cured, amidst continued efforts to make other

organs amenable to transplants.

world struggle for life had step-

The participants said that the

Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

ing to humanity.

human rights.

come from the same person, two different persons or two different sexes, and reiterated that it was very important to lay down firm constraints to protect the rights of the individual.

Meanwhile, Dr Awadi stressed the need for teaching medical and health sciences in the Arab world in Arabic, pointing out that the use of a foreign language undermined the efficiency and understanding of medical

#### Encyclopaedia

He said that efforts at the Regional East Mediterranean Office would continue so that Arabic became the language used in teaching medical sciences. He added that such a step

needed strong backup by a

political decision, pointing out that the Arab Centre for Health a Documents and Publications had signed an agreement with the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS) for the release of a series of specialised medical dictionaries and an Arabic medical encyclopaedia consisting of ill 10,000 scientific entries and 1,000 pictures.

Meanwhile Dr Mahmoud Hussein Yaseen Al Otaibi, a par im ticipant in the 8th Medical Conference, stressed the importance of the conference in furthering the exchange of medical expertation ise among world doctors, pointing out that religious education H was extremely important to it protect the community from diseases and fend off health hazards.

He said that the absence of such education in Western com-513... munities had given rise to an inhuman practice where doctors would prevail on hopeless patients to take their own lives;" and that a good number of a patients would follow the advise of their doctors to put an end to a contract the contract of their doctors to put an end to a contract of their doctors to a contract of their doctors to a contract of their doctors of their



General Tyres yesterday signed a distributor agreement with Al Jehad Trading Establishment. Signing on 21 behalf of General Tyres USA was Thomas Salpietra — Director of Sales and Mike Gerbich — Area Manageritis Taha — General Manager and Abbas F. Zaki — Asst. Gen. Manager (second, fourth & fifth from left).

#### From the courts

### 10 years RI for molestation \*

A MAN has been sentenced to ten years rigorous imprisonment on a charge of sexually assaulting his

The Criminal Court was told that the incident was reported to the authorities by the victim and collaborated by her mother.

But the defendant denied the charge, stating that it was a deliberate conspiracy against him by his wife and her daughter because of family differences.

The court rejected his explanation however

because all the evidence incriminated him.

Murder case

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court will start examining the case of the irate father who poured kerosene on his son and burnt him to death for repeatedly failing his secondary school examinations.

after being admitted to hospital. He told the police that the accident was his fault and that his father had nothing to do with it. All the evidence, however, showed the father was

responsible.

Cemetery case

THE trial of the defendants accused of violating the sanctity of the Sulaibikhat Cemetery has been postponed to Monday, 13 November, by the Court of

A local daily reported that the court helds its session under the chairmanship of Judge Khaled Al Zuwaid, to try the case of the defendants, Abdulra-

him M. Jasem M. and Ayed A. They were charged with violating the Sulaibikhat Cemetery by preventing workers from carrying out their job of putting earth on the graves.

Liquor smuggling

TWO men have been arrested by detectives of Hawalli on a charge of bringing liquor into the country for sale, the public relations department of the Interior Ministry reported.

The two men are Samer A, a non-Kuwaiti, and TUNATI

Deputy P det Sheil

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Juri A, a Kuwaiti. A search of their residence unearthed ten cartons

The two men have been referred to the competent?

authority for further investigation.

### Car shields broken

THE windshields of about 30 cars were broken by thieves in Mansouriya area during this week.

A citizen residing in the area told the Al Seyassals. newspaper that car owners were surprised to find the windshields broken in the morning.

He said that the thieves broke the glass to steal the The victim died of first degree burns four days

contents of cars during the night.

The incidents were reported to the Dasma polices station which took steps to catch the thieves.

Bakkala closures

THE owners of shops in model housing areas and imited income housing areas are likely to be given an extension of the period in which they have to close. down their shops by Kuwait Municipality.

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The technical sub-committee of the municipal

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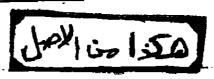
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KUWAIT, Nov 8, (Kuns): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah cision. Points

ab Centre for the and Publication today received in audience at his diwan at Bayan Palace chairman of the Kuwait Medical Association Dr Abdalla Abdal Aziz Al Resheed, Secretary-General Dr Bader Hamada and Treasury Secretary Dr Ahmed Al Hajri.

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Kuwait-Iran trade TEHRAN, Nov 8, (Kuna): Iranian News Agency (Irna) quoted Iran's Ambassador to Kuwait Iran's Ambassacor to Kuwait Hussein Sadeqi as saying that Iran's willing to have good econ-omic relations with Kuwait as

they used to be. The Iranian diplomat, who met in Kuwait today with Minister of Trade and Industry Faisal Al Khalid, said development of bilateral relations, especially in the commercial and economic fields was discussed during the meeting. He pointed out the deep historical relations between Kuwait and Iran, noting that iran welcomes establishment of good economic ties with Kuwait.

Sharhan receives KUWAIT, Nov 8, (Kuna): Communications Minister Abdullab Al Sharhan received in

his office today Hungarian Mini-ster of Trade Tamas Beck. Their discussions covered issues related to the technical and telecommunications co-operation, and communications sys-

tems used by other countries. The meeting was attended by Acting Undersecretary Jassem Al Wazan, Undersecretary for Transportation Affairs Sagir Al Sudan, and the Hungarian ambassador to Kuwait.

Shares acquisition KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 8

(Kuna): The London-based Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) has acquired 12.80 million shares in a leading Malaysian property concern, Bedford Berhad, accor-ding to a statement issued by the Malayan Banking Bernad neve

The shares will be registered into the name of Mayban (nominees) SDN BHD, Malayan banking's nominee company, with KIO noted as the beneficial owner, the statement

Sabah returns

KUWAIT, Nov. 8, (Kuna): ster Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed returned home today afternoon after taking part in the 33rd session of the GCC Ministerial

The council concluded meeting earlier today in Muscat after endorsing draft agenda of the Gulf Co-operation Council's tenth summit scheduled for next

month in Muscat. Sheikh Sabah was received on return by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saud Al Ossaimi, Foreign Under-secretary Sulaiman Majid Al Shahin, senior ministry officials and Omani Ambassador to Kuwait Hilal Bin Salem Al

Exhibition

KUWAII, Nov 8, (Kuna): Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri today asserted that audiovisual educational means have become part and parcel of the educational process.

The minister, in a statement to reporters after opening the first educational means exhibition organised by the International Kuwait Fair Company in Mishrif, said that he witnessed a lot of educational means that could help the students in their scien-



Two ambassadors present credentials

HH the Amir yesterday received the credentials of new ambassadors of Philippines Dr Mao Yang Tamano and Chile Alberto Bissa.
The ceremony was held at Bayan Palace with the attendance of minister of Amiri Diwan affairs, state minister for foreign affairs, Amiri Diwan undersecretary and the national guard commander.

### Economic recession hits labour

### Tenants can request lower rents

TENANTS have the right to request a reduction in rent because of the economic recession in the country, the director of the specialists department at the Justice Ministry said.

He told a local daily that rent contracts were evaluated after actual examination of the premises.

He added that the economic situation in the country has largely

contributed to the increase in the labour, banking and contracting cases being examined by the department.

He said that the department encouraged Kuwaiti youths to join and provided them with financial incentives reaching KD100 per month, over and above the regular annual bonus amounting to KD2000 for

He said that the department had a number of cases in hand and had completed looking into cases related to the Dhahar housing project, which involved citizens, government agencies and contractors.

He said that the department had 73 specialists, 33 engineers, and 40 accountants, 12 being Kuwaitis.

There was a study on setting up of branch offices for the department in governorate courts, especially in Hawally, the director added. He said that the department had over the past two years appointed 30 Kuwaiti specialists, and no non-Kuwaitis had been appointed during



Soviet anniversary

The Ambassador of the USSR to Kuwalt, Ernest Zverev greets the Saudi Ambassador Abdul Aziz Al Suderi at a reception to mark the 72nd anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution.

### Mutual investment protection

### **Kuwait-Hungary sign agreement**

KUWAIT, Nov 8. (Kuna): Kuwait and Hungary today signed an agreement to encourage and protect mutual investments designed to activate trade exchange and create appropriate atmosphere to boost economic co-operation.

The agreement was signed by Oil Minister and Acting Finance Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah and Hungarian Trade Minister Dr Tamas Beck. The latter is currently visiting the country on a four-day official

The 18-article agreement, which followed one year of preparations including three rounds of talks, stipulated that each country should encourage investors of the other and that

both would guarantee that their activities would not be discriminated against or be liable to any arbitrary measures.

The agreement affirmed importance of providing incentives and facilities including all necessary licences and approvals in accordance with regulations of the host country. Compensations

The fifth article underlined that suitable compensations should be paid to investments of either country if they were damaged because of war or any other armed conflict, or a national emergency case, a revolution, disturbances, riots or other similar events.

The seventh article prohibited nationalising or confiscating

investments unless due to national causes and in return for an immediate and just compensation.

The agreement further organised the transfer of profits, technical costs or any other income of investors and stipulated that settlement of disputes should be first tackled through consultations and negotiations.

If the dispute was not settled in six months, it should be referred to an arbitration panel, at the request of either country, that includes representatives of both along with a neutral third coun-

try.
The 20-year-long agreement further tackled relations between governments and special basis for execution of the agreement.

### Fraud by computers debated at conference

THE protection of money deposited with financial institutions against unauthorised computer manipulation was one of the topics at a discussion during the Kuwait Law and Computer

Dr Saad Al Fishawi from the United States and Professor Bernard from France dealt with the subject of large sums of money being transferred by computer to different accounts and banks, as well as with the lack of legal protection to safeguard the rights of the victimised clients.

Losses

He blamed the banks for all losses inflicted on clients through the failure of banks to process bank orders for computerised transfers, except in a few cases legally corroborated by the bank, in which clients were responsible for such errors.

Professor Bernard said that bank frauds committed by bank staff were done through manipulation of computers that handled client deposits. He said tht knowledge of computer use was within the experience and line of business of bank staff.

Another subject at the con-ference was the trans-world flow of commercial data.

A professor of commercial law at Kuwait University, Dr Hussein Al Masri, said in his paper that computers were used for the transmission of this data. He highlighted the international exploitation of computers transmitting such data.

He also spoke about the monopolisation by certain advanced countries of information technology and explained the related legal repercussions. He called for more self-depen-

dence by Third World countries to enable them to avoid control by the more advanced countries, and stressed the need for unity as a way of making headway.

### Professions directory to be approved soon

### GCC labour systems to be unified

A GULF unified draft directory for classification of professions in Arab Gulf states will be approved by the Council of Ministers for Social Affairs and Labour in the Gulf States at their next session, the secretary-pen-eral of the follow-up office,

Kamel Al Salch, said. He told a local daily that the next session will be held in Abu Dhabi carly next year.

He said that Gulf states which do not have such a professional classification can adopt this directory.
Salch added that other states

can benefit from the unified directory to develop their professional classification. The draft directory was approved at the 12th session of undersecretaries of Social Affairs and Labour ministries of Gulf states held in

Abu Dhabi recently.

He said the council plays an active role in unification of labour systems and in studying labour problems in member

Saleh said the council approved the unified guiding charter for labour laws and systems in the Arab Gulf states (GCC states and Iraq). The charter was considered one of the

Gulf states had drawn up their labour laws and regulations on the basis of this unified charter with the aim of developing their local legislation.

He said that Saudi Arabia will for Social Work this month.

vital joint projects, he said. Saleh also said that the Arab

organise the 3rd Arab Gulf Week

The week is meant to show the role of social work and its

the activities of both weeks. He praised the preparations made by Saudi Arabia for the 3rd

in Bahrain in 1987.

He said that the council had

achievement in the Arab Gulf

The first such week was held in

Charity and volunteer

societies in the area took part in

the UAE in 1985 and the second

decided during a session held in Bahram in 1985 to produce a television and broadcast programme about social guidance.

The decision was taken after making comprehensive studies

that lasted several years. Saleh said that one of the examples of joint work among Arab Gulf states was the offering of training courses to technical

### Going price upto KD 10,000

# Huge profits to be made in pigeons

NOW it is pigeons not geese that are laying golden

eggs, and pigeon owners in Kuwait are making huge profits from their birds.

One breeder said he bought a pigeon for KD3,000 and sold the baby pigeons for KD600 each.

Another breeder told a local daily he had sold a

pigeon for KD10,000 cash down. Pigeon owners take special care of their pigeons. One said he liked his pigeons as much as his children.

Another refused to sell his pigeon, named Mashi. even though be was offered a complete residential

complex as payment. A person can become rich by following the methods used by pigeon owners and breeders, the daily said. A person could be lucky and be an active member at one of the famous anctions usually held at some chalet or farm in Kuwait.

It is really hard to believe that a pigeon can be sold for KD10,000 unless one attends an auction, it One breeder, Khaled Hussain spoke about his

love affair with pigeon breeding.

He said that since childhood he loved birds and tried to own some breeds of pigeons for fun. His uncle and some of his friends were pigeon fanciers and he was attracted to the hobby.

Hussain said it was a beneficial and entertaining hobby. In the past he did not think that he would become a pigeon breeder and dealer for profit. He said that years ago pigeon prices were very low and normal, but prices rose sharply during the past few

Record

He said one pigeon was sold for KD8,000 and some others for KD5,000. He said that one wellknown pigeon called Bousi was sold for KD8,000 by its owner, and broke all records at the time. It became one of the most talked about deals.

He said that there were several kinds of pigeons

and people interested in pigeons learnt all the facts

He added the hobby of pigeon breeding had now turned into a commercial operation, and referred to the breeder who sold baby pigeons for KD600 each. Speaking about his breeding methods, Hussain said that he had built a specially designed shed on his house roof for the pigeons. He said he kept a constant close watch on the condition of every pigeon he owned, and if one got sick he immediately took it to the veterinarian for a complete check-up. He said he sometimes bought medicines for his pigeons from abroad and always tried to provide his

pigeons with special health foods. Another breeder, Khaleefa Mubarak, spoke about his long years with this hobby, adding that he has been breeding pigeons for more than 55 years. He said he had gained much experience during his hobby, and now knew how to pick up healthy breeds

He said that a good pigeon sold for one rupee in the past. Now the situation was different and even worst breeds of pigeons were sold for about Pigeon prices had increased dramatically to

thousands of dinars and it had become difficult for an ordinary person to own these birds. He said that a pigeon breeder could lose a lot of money when all his cons died due to some disease.

He added his sons did not seem to be interested in this hobby, but he adored pigeons because they were

expressions of peace and love.

Mubarak said that watching his pigeons fly was the most enjoyable part of the day for him. He owns 100 pigeons that cost him a lot of money.

He said he was not interested in selling often, because he was a breeder and not a dealer. Another fancier, Ahmad Hussain, said there were

several breeds of pigeons and each was different.

#### Drug, liquor ANNOUNCEMENT trader arrested

A PAKISTANI, Mohammad S, was arrested by Hawalli security men for trading in drugs and He was arrested at his

residence. A search revealed 200 grams of drugs and two barrels full of liquor. A sensitive balance used for weighing drugs was also found as well as equipment for making liquor. Another Pakistani, Reehan S,

who was in the house was also Both men were referred to the

authorities. A man trading in narcotics has been arrested by Ahmadi securitymen.

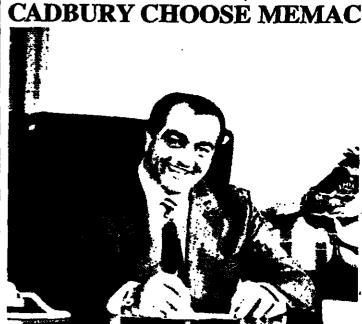
The security men had received information that the man, Ismail M, a Kuwaiti, was dealing in

A piece of hashish and 40 pills were found in his car.

### Konkani musical show Wilfy Nite' postponed

We regret to announce that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Konkani musical show "Wilfy Nite" scheduled for Friday, 10th Nov. '89 has been postponed.

The next date for the show will be announced in the



MR. MOUTRAN

Cadbury International Limited is pleased to announce the appointment of Middle East Marketing and Communications (MEMAC) WLL as their advertising Agency for the Middle East.

The decision was made after Cadbury International Limited saw presentations from several of the region's leading agencies. MEMAC will be entrusted with the task of launching famous Cadbury brands, such as Flake, Dairy Milk and Milk Tray,

Commenting on the appointment, Mr. Hawkins from Cadbury International Limited said: "Choosing an Agency to help you advertise your products is a critical decision, because the creative work will totally affect the way consumers see Cadbury and its products." Mr. Hawkins added: "MEMAC was chosen because it has shown creative flair, it has demonstrated marketing capability and has the team to support us in our efforts in the Middle East." Mr Montran, President of MEMAC said: "We are honoured to have been chosen by Cadbury International Limited to help them launch their brands in chosen by Caddury International Limited to neip them latinen their brands in the Middle East. It is a responsibility that we will undertake with vigour and excitement. MEMAC's offices in Bahrain, Sandi Arabia, Dubai and Kuwait will be dedicated to ensure the success of Cadbury's business in the region".



Indian jewellery exhibition

Indian Ambassador A.K. Budhiraja (third left) and Mrs Budhiraja seen at the opening of the Indian jewellery exhibition yesterday at the Kuwalt Sheraton.



#### **Gulf Bank moves**

As part of its commitment towards continuously upgrading customer service and modernising its premises to reflect the image of a bank highly concerned with maintaining customer satisfaction, the Gulf Bank will move to its new premises on Fahd Al Salem Street on Saturday Nov 11, 89. Located in the new National Real Estate Building, customers will be happy to find the same friendly faces, however in a totally new atmosphere. Needless to mention easy access and lots of parking space.

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HE who is merely just is severe - Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778).

### Militants push to rebuild temple

### Tensions spark

THREE times a day, observant Jews pray for the restoration "speedily in our days" of the Jewish temple that was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70.

The 35-acre (14-hectare) site has long been occupied by some of Islam's most sacred houses of worship, and most Israelis have reconciled themselves to waiting.

Extremists, however, are actively trying to realise the dream of rebuilding the Jewish temple, and their actions have heightened tensions that could have repercussions throughout the Arab world. Skirmishes broke out in occupied Jerusalem recently when stonethrowing Arabs protested the first attempt by Israeli Jews to

About 80 Jewish militants of the Temple Mount Faithful tried to bring in a three-ton cornerstone for a temple near the sacred western wall in occupied Jerusalem's Old City, the last remnant of the temple torn down by the Romans.

Police prevented the cornerstone ceremony, but the attempt ignited riots by Palestinian students in a school just outside the walls of the Old City. Five policemen were injured by stones and 14 Palestinians were wounded by rubber bullets.

"We need to end the Arab occupation of Israel in occupied Jerusalem and especially on the Temple Mount, which is very holy for us," said Gershon Salomon.

Salomon, who founded the Temple Mount Faithful shortly after Israel captured the Temple Mount in the 1967 Six-Day war, vowed, in an interview to continue his efforts to lay the cornerstone and

Another sign of increased movement toward realising plans for a new temple was the holding of the first conference on temple research. It brought about 350 enthusiasts to the headquarters of the chief rabbinate, where the two top Israeli rabbis of the Ashkenazi and Sephardi branches of Judaism are based.

"If we do not prepare and show God that we want a temple, then God won't give it to us," said Zev Golan, spokesman for the Temple Institute which sponsored the conference.

#### **Blueprints**

The institute is using a computer to draw up blueprints for rebuilding the temple as an exact replica of the one desroyed by the

For the past two years, it has also been making replicas of temple vessels and priestly garments although Golan said his organisation has no timetable or no plans to oust the Muslims.

At least one Yeshiva seminary is training clergy for priestly rituals in the temple, which was first built by King Solomon and destroyed by he Babylonians in 587 BC. It was rebuilt by King Herod and torn down again by the Romans.

Orthodox Jews pray daily for a third temple: "May it be thy will Lord God, God of our fathers, that the temple be rebuilt speedily in our days."

The problem for builders is that the site of the temple has been occupied for more than 1,300 years by the golden capped dome of the rock, a shrine marking the spot where Muslims believe the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) ascended to heaven.

Nearby is the Al Aqsa mosque, where Mohammed (PBUH) arrived on his journey from Makkah. It is the holiest Islamic site after Makkah and Madina.

"The temple was built on the ground of the Dome of the Rock. There is almost no debate," said Menahem Ben Yashar, a professor of Old Testament studies at Bar Ilan University near Tel Aviv. Why did the Muslims build it there? Because that was the place

where the temple was. Maybe that's legitimate, that every conqueror builds his place," he said. Palestinian leaders say any Israeli move to alter the status quo, under which Jews are forbidden to even pray on the Temple Mount,

is certain to provoke bloodshed. Sari Nusseibeh, who teaches Islamic philosophy at Bir Zeit University in the occupied West Bank, said Islam regards the Dome of the Rock as the fulfillment of the Biblical prophecy that a house

#### of God will rise on that spot. Challenge

"If this basic belief is challenged, through for example the setting up of another temple in fulfillment of that same prophecy, this would constitute an affront to the basic foundations of Islamic

"Such an affront would, I think, be a cause for a major

explosion. Most Israelis are aware of Muslim sensitivities, and there is no mass movement supporting a rebuilding effort.

But extremist Jewish groups trying to clear the way for the reconstruction have plotted or attempted to blow up the mosques

on the Temple Mount at least five times since 1967. A Christian Australian, later judged insane and deported, set fire to Al Aqsa in 1969 causing severe damage to the altar. An American Jew who shot and killed two Arabs on the Temple Mount in 1982 is

serving a life sentence. (Occupied Jerusalem - AP)

### **TODAY IN HISTORY**

1581 — Diet of Oldenburg grants Hungarian Protestants religious tolerance.

1882 — Franco-British dual control of Egypt is established. 1923 — Fourteen Nazis are killed as federal troops break up march of Adolf Hitler's storm troopers in Munich, Germany. 1937 — Japanese troops take Shanghai.

1938 — Bands of Nazis roam streets of Germany, burning and destroying Jewish synagogues, homes and stores.

1962 — United States completes emergency airlift of arms and ammunition to India in that nation's border war with China.

1963 — Coal mine explosion at Umuta, Japan, kills 452 miners and injures 450 others.

1971 — Chinese communists make their first appearance in United Nations for conference on problems facing the main

delegation on its way from Peking.

1975 — Morocco's King Hassan calls off people's march into Spanish Sahara and says takeover of the desert territory must

be accomplished by other means.

1977 — Israeli fighter-bombers attack targets in southern Lebanon, and Lebanese government says two villages are levelled with at least 60 civilians killed. 1982 — Western sources say up to 2,700 civilians and Soviet

soldiers in a convoy perished after fiery collision in Afghanistan mountain tunnel jammed with buses and trucks. 1987 — Bomb explodes during rush hour in crowded neighbourhood of Colombo, Sri Lanka, with at least 32 people killed

1988 - West German Jews lead fellow citizens in day of atonement for start of Nazi holocaust.

### Kohl wants reconciliation with Poland

### War memories linger

WEST GERMAN Chancellor Helmut Kohl visits Poland this week trying to seal a post-war reconciliation, but memories of war will continue to cast a shadow over ties long after he has left.

Kohl hopes to bury disputes over German finan-cial aid to Poland, Polish debts, post-war borders and the existence of an ethnic German minority in Poland which long delayed the six-day visit starting on Thursday.
Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki

wants to make relations with Bonn as good as those between West Germany and France, two other traditional enemies whose post-war friendship is now the cornerstone of the European Economic

But 50 years after the 1939 German invasion of Poland at the start of World War Two, which killed six million Poles, dislike and mistrust remains an obstacle to better ties.

Many Poles vividly remember the atrocities of the six-year occupation in which Poland lost a greater proportion of its population than any other country—about one fifth.

The former communist authorities for years deluged younger generations with propaganda which kept Poles fearful of a strong, united Germany and promoted friendship with another traditional enemy, the Soviet Union.

Many young Poles regard West Germany as a Mecca where they go to earn foreign currency. Most ignore East Germany, a fellow member of the Warsaw Pact military alliance and the communist trad-

ing bloc Comecon.

Today, according to a survey by the Solidarity daily Gazeta Wyborcza, fewer than one in five Poles feels friendly towards Germans. Almost 44 per cent of those polled felt aversion or hostility. But Germans recall that the Soviet-installed com-

munist authorities expelled millions of ethnic Germans after the war and forced those who remained to become Polish citizens. Polish-German relations are a delicate question and the present and future is defined by the past,"

the Polish government newspaper Rzeczpospolita Kohl had planned to visit Poland before the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the war on Sept I and

offer financial assistance. The main obstacle to his visit then was how much financial assistance Bonn should give Poland in exchange for concessions on what it regards as an ethnic German minority in western Polish territories formerly ruled by Germany.

The previous communist authorities said the last ethnic Germans left after Warsaw and Bonn signed a treaty in 1970 establishing diplomatic relations. The new Solidarity-led government has not taken a public stand on the issue.

The sensitivity of the matter was evident last week in a quarrel which has soured the atmosphere.

Kohl, under pressure from Warsaw, scrapped plans to attend a German-language mass at St Anne's Hill, a rallying point for people who say they are ethnic Germans in the former German region of

Silesia, which is now part of southwestern Poland.
The problem was aggravated this summer when right-wing West German politicians resurrected an old legal argument that the borders of Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler's 1937 Third Reich remain valid because no peace treaty was signed after the war.



In return for concessions on the minority, Poland wants financial aid and Bonn's help in persuading the Paris Club of 17 creditor governments to res-chedule its debts. It owes the Paris Club about two thirds of its foreign debt of around \$38 billion.

Warsaw has given no details of secret agreements that made Kohl's visit possible but Bonn government sources expect him to offer a credit package worth more than \$1 billion.

Polish officials rule out any bargaining over the border along the Oder and Neisse Rivers accepted de facto by Bonn in 1970 but never set out in a full

Polish officials make clear they want Kohl to make a statement recognising the inviolability of the borders and ending all discussion of the 1937 bor-

We want this (1970) treaty to be interpreted unequivocally as a final settlement of our borders," Mazowiecki told reporters on Monday." The Oder-Neisse frontier is beyond all discussion.

The border issue is an increasing concern for Warsaw as orthodox communism collapses in East Germany and the question of German reunification

Some Polish officials, mindful of a 1939 pact in which Germany and the Soviet Union carved up Poland, hope Kohl's visit will reassure them that even a reunified Germany would respect the chriefit

### Freedom could unleash old ethnic rows

THE crumbling of communist authority in East Germany has raised the prospect of German reunification, but as new freedoms awaken old ethnic rivalries the Eastern bloc could splinter.

"These problems have been kept in the fridge for 40 years," says Jonathan Eyal of Britain's Royal United Services Institute. "But they are coming up now.

Eastern Europe is a hotch-potch of dozens of different nationalities, living in countries whose borders were defined, often arbitrarily, after the first and Second World Wars

But their problems, which used to exercise statesmen of the great powers in the 19th and early 20th centuries, were swept under the carpet when Stalin imposed communist rule on the area in the late

Marxist-Leninist ideology taught that ethnic conflicts were a feature of capitalism and imperialism, and would wither away once the working class took power and all races lived together as brothers and

Now, as the lid is being lifted on the communist world, national groups are starting to use their new-found freedom to voice old grudges. Some Western and Eastern experts fear and ethnic free-for-all that

could destabilise Europe. The problems have so far been most apparent in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, two comtries that are amalgams of many different national

The Soviet Union contains 15 republics and more than 100 nationalities. The traditionally dominant Russians now account for only just over half the population and are steadily declining as a propor-

According to Gail Lapidus of the University of California, Soviet state founder Vladimir Lenin created a system that gave the symbols of nationhood to a number of national groups while at the same time imposing centralised party rule from

"A fundamental tension was thus built into the Soviet system from its very origins," she writes in the latest issue of the US Journal Foreign Affairs.

Since Mikhail Gorbachev began to liberalise the system in 1985, the Baltic republics have agitated for autonomy, territorial clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis have resulted in at least 120 dead, and discontent has bubbled up in many other areas.

In Yugoslavia, communist but not a member of the Warsaw Pact, the federation of six socialist republics that President Josip Broz Tito held together after World War Two has started to come unstuck since his death in 1980.

Clashes between Albanians and minority Serbs in the province of Kosovo have resulted in dozens of deaths, the prosperous republics of Slovenia has asserted increasing independence, and some analysts foresee Lebanon-style conflict in the coun-

But other Western experts say these remain problems within one country, and predict that a still more serious situation could arise where ethnic groups spill over national borders, as is the case with Hungarians.

About one-lifth of Hungarian speakers live as minorities in the countries that surround Hungary Romania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and the

As Hungary scraps communism in favour of Western-style democracy, it is likely to become more of a magnet for Hungarians outside, and predict that a still more serious situation could arise where ethnic groups spill over national borders, as is the case with Hungarians.

Aiready Hungary, newly accountable to popular feeling at home, has accepted some 20,000 Romanian citizens as political refugees.

But, analysts say, the issue could unite Romania and Czechoslovakia, both deeply disturbed by the changes under way in Budapest, to make common cause against Hungary.

The Eastern bloc's other leading reformer, Poland, also faces ethnic problems to both East and West, stemming from the general westward shift of frontiers after World War Two.

The Polish public is increasingly interested in the lot of some 1.2 million Poles now living in the Soviet

The new, non-communist government in Warsaw has been in dispute with West Germany in recent weeks over an ethnic German minority which Bonn says still exists in Poland, especially the former German region of Silesia.

A visit to Poland by West German chancellor Helmut Kohl later this week - intended to seal a post-war reconciliation - had to be preceded by delicate negotiations over the rights of this minority and over Kohl's itinerary in Silesia.

(London - Reuter).

# Bulgarian activists find platform

BULGARIA'S fledgling opposition groups, bouyed by three weeks of unprecedented public activity, say they have finally made a mark on political development in one of East Europe's most orthodox communist states.

Several thousand Bulgarians shouting "democracy" and "glasnost" staged a rally outside Sofia's National Assembly last Week, the country's first independent public demonstration in four decades of communist rule. "These past 20 days have been a watershed in the

political development of Bulgaria," said Krassimir Kanev of the unofficial environmentalist lobby Eco-Glasnost.

"Now the mood among all opposition groups is quite euphoric and no matter what the authorities undertake against us, they cannot turn things back to the way they were before."
In contrast to sweeping changes in Hungary and

Poland, the moves in Bulgaria have so far been limited to attempts to streamline a stagnating economy. Unofficial groups say their members have been harassed, imprisoned and expelled.

Last week's rally, which ended peacefully after

eco-glasnost leaders presented a petition on environmental problems to a National Assembly official, took place on the last day of a 35-nation forum on environmental protection in Solia. International interest in the forum brought a luli in the government's habitual clampdown on dis-

sient, giving eco-glasnost and a number of leading

political activists their first chance to air their

grievances and seek Western support.

The beating and detention of eco-glasnost sup-porters by police during the second week of the forum drew criticism of Sofia's human rights record from Western delegations and forced Bulgaria to admit that its security forces had gone too far. Virtually unhindered by the authorities, public

meetings and news conferences were held by the unofficial trade union Podkrepa (Support), the independent association for the defence of human rights in Bulgaria, and the intellectual club for the support of perestroika and glasnost. A number of leading political activists were invited by Western delegations as official guests at

the forum, organised by the conference on security and co-operation in Europe. According to Western diplomats in Sofia, the whird of dissident activity has inspired many ordin-

Hundreds of people packed a Solia cinema for the first public meetings held by eco-glasmost and the club for support of glasmost and perestroika.

More than 11.500 people signed the eco-glasmost petition urging greater public discussion of a num-

ber of industrial projects. Leading activists at last week's rally were cheered, hugged by onlookers and asked for autographs.
But the diplomats say Bulgaria's opposition

groups still face a long struggle for democratic "Many of the gains of the last three weeks could still be erased," one Western diplomat commented. "It will take even more courage now the eco-forum Diplomats say the Sofia government is unlikely to risk more international criticism of its human rights record by overt methods of repression such as imprisonment or beatings.
"But there are subtler methods, like dismissing

people from their jobs or preventing them from leaving their home towns if they live in the provinces," one Western diplomat said. While diplomats say the Sofia government has

been unnerved by the fall of East German leader Erich Honecker to popular pressure, a similar upheaval against Bulgaria's 78-year-old communist party chief Todor Zhivkov is unlikely.

"Zhivkov's very old and could die any time, but there's still an inner circle of hardliners around him that are very firmly placed," one diplomat commen-

A statment by Zhivkov while the forum was underway implied that firm steps towards political restructuring would be made at a central committee meeting on Nov 10.

But a number of dissidents say the meeting is unlikely to yield more than a token politburo reshuffle. A more significant indication of official attitudes to dissent will be the outcome of eco-glasnost's supreme court appeal for legal registration three

"I'm pessimistic about the appeal," Kanev said." but the state of civil society in Bulgaria has developed so fast in these 20 days it can't be stopped (Sofia -- Reuter).

### Letters to the editor

### Final decision needed

SIR: I hope that my letter, this one in particular, will be different than the scores of letters you, have published earlier in your paper.

I just don't seem to understand why the authorities have turned a deaf ear. I think the letters we write are not just to beautify the 'Letters to the Editor' column but they really mean something. All that you people are doing by publishing every letter is just postponing your decision. Have not you'll been enlightened, enough. The controversy on restarting the Urdu pages is more than that created by Salman Rushdie or by Neil Armstrong landing on the moon. What do you'll want us to do start a Restart the Urdu pages' campaign. We'll be happy to do it.

happy to do it.

I differ totally, on the opinion of Mr Ali
Behbehani and a few other people who criticise
on this issue. What is their problem? They still have to buy Arab Times for 150 fils, and if they don't want to read Urdu, they can just keep the Urdu paper aside. A little exercise won't do any harm. It's some of us who are sufferings especially my mother.

So all that I have written is not just to be published in the paper but to have your final decision. It will save us and you a lot of time and energy. Yes or no?

Sobail Javed Butt.

### Start Urdu again

SIR: I am very much upset to see the termina-SIR: I am very much upset to see the termina-tion of Urdu pages from your esteemed news-paper, the Arab Times. It was a great work that your newspaper undertook to publish Urdu, pages along with your English daily. Many, expatriates from India and Pakistan do not? know English and for such people the Urdu Arab Times was the only source for the news.

These people used to buy the Arab Times daily in order to have the latest information not only about their native country but also for the local news. The Urdn pages were catering to the needs of these people regarding the exchange rates, stars foretell, sports news, social functions, legal news, literary and cultural news and more so it was media for them to advertise their

The editions on Wednesdays and Thursdays were specially worth to be read and thus awaited by everybody. The Arab Times new paper was popular not only in Kuwait but also pages. It was also popular with so many literary circles presently formed in Kuwait.

The authorities are not justified in closing down the Undu section and if they find diff

down the Urdu section and if they find dif-ficulty in the staff, then new staff can be absorbed to replace the persons whose editing is doubtful and partial. I together with a majority of Urdu-speaking people who are residing in-Kuwait hope to see the Urdu pages once again along with your daily Arab Times. This will be an great obligation on Urdu language by your

As Urdu is spoken and understood all over the world it can have postere effect on advert-isements and circulation of your esteemed daily. It will be a great day to see once again the Urdu pages started and I hope you will not turn,

Khalid Mahmood Anju

ALL letters to the Editor must contain the writer's name and address. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor and letters are subject to the edition process for space or

### Quote me



Soviet and anti-trade. This group really thinks the Soviet Union is the No. 1 enemy of the US. They believe whatever is good for the Soviet Union is bad for the US, and vice versa. A second opinion is it's possible to ruin the Soviet political system by introducing more and more trade. The more we introduce trade, the more the people will see how much better is the United States. These Americans really want to see the Soviet people thinking in American style."

— Alexandesez Oleynik, visiting Soviet professor to America on American misconceptions of the Soviet

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wins. The better player's going to win and I've lost to both of them. Obviously Gaby is the better player, but this court makes it pretty even-steven for both of them. It will be a tough match either way." — American Martina Navratilova expecting a rough ride whether she plays Sabatini or Garrison in the final of the Virginia Slims of

"I'm giad I'm already there and can sit back and see who

"There's a difference thinking you can win and expecting to win. I've come to the point I really believe I can beat these players. With Martina, I didn't necessarily think I could beat her, but I went out there to try and with a game plan." — Anne Smith after giving Navratilova a tough match which Navratilova eventually won. I cannot understand the sense in people going out there in conditions like that. I am very upset. You've only got one life. The track was absolutely undrivable. We've never seen

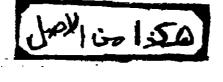
aquaplaning like it. There was absolutely no reason to start. They could have waited one hour, even two, to see if there were fewer puddles on the track." — Frenchman Alain Prost criticising the decision to start the Australian GP in torrential rains. "I don't know that much psychology but I believe that a compulsive gambler who's getting close to 50 years old, which I am, issupposed to have financial problems, I don't have financial problems." — Pete Rose ex-Cincinnati Reds boss on why he's not a compulsive gambler.

"My childhood made me more receptive to the ravages of war, violence and hunger and gave me the urge to the something. But some people are more sensitive to suffering and deprivation than others and my family was always involved in charity."—A sudgest the house of the sensitive involved in charity." - Audrey Hepburn on a recent trip

"We will have Guilit in top shape only in March, for the (European) Cup quarterfinals. It's not pessimism which is behind the forecast, but the fact that Guilit's formidable human powerhouse will need several weeks to reach per-fect condition."— AC Milan president Silvio Berluscomi on Dutch international Rund Gullit.

"All the indications are that the Namibians will vote for Swapo...a vote for freedom. A Swapo triumph will also help speed up the internal Angolan peace process and increase pressure on Pretoria to push ahead with its reforms of apartheid." - Angolan news agency. Angop on the — Angoran non-voting in Namibia.





NOVEMBERS

# JS redraws map of West Bank

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (AP): It took seven years. But Martin Miller has gotten the CIA and the State Department to change their maps of larged and Jordan to reflect history and US policy.

It is a story about a persistent advocate, cumbersome bureaueracy and the intractable Israeli-Arab conflict,

Miller, a retired Treasury Department official, began his crusade in 1981 when he noticed that a government-published map book showed the West Bank of the Jordan

This, despite the fact that the United States and most of the rest of the world never recognised Jordan's 1950 annexation of the 2,200-square-mile (5,700-square kms) territory — which was not

under any country's sovereignty. The redrawn US map now shows the West Bank as a cultural region bearing its original Biblical name of Judea and Samaria, not attached to either Israel or

For years, the official US maps published by the Central Intelligence Agency showed the Israeli-Jordanian border drawn along the 1949 Armistice line between the two countries, which defined Israel's physical borders until the 1967 war. The map showed all the land east of Bank's controversial status.

'It wasn't right. It just didn't reflect reality," Miller said. He declined to give his own view of the Arab-Israeli conflict, saying he had sought to be "factual rather than ideological" in pursuing his case.

"If I were trying to peddle my views, I wouldn't have gotten very far," he said. He undertook his campaign in a methodical way, buying a computer to write letters and keep files and pouring over history books and archival documents.

His first step was a letter to Alexander Haig, secretary of state at the time. Haig referred Miller's letter to a litte-known State Department entity called the office of the geographer.

The office maps official US policy on sovereignty issues for internal State Department publications, and acts as an advisory and arbitration board for other government agencies issuing maps,

Miller began corresponding with the geographer, who issued a directive in 1982 ordering cartographers to stop showing the West Bank as anyone's territory.

Miller also enlisted his congressman's help, and wrote opinion pieces and editorial letters to newspapers, but the maps were still wrong.

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PLO meets today for a final say

HONOLULU, Nov 8, (Reuter): Israel demanded major changes to a US peace plan for the Middle East but Secretary of State James Baker said he accepted only minor amendments.

Baker hinted today that he had rejected an Israeli request to limit the subjects to be discussed at any Israeli-Palestinian conference. The only changes that were made ... were relatively modest." Baker, returning from an economic meeting in Australia, told reporters



Shamir addressing a Likud Party rally where he spoke for the first time about current peace moves. (Reuter wirephoto)

### **Bush: No hurry to see Shamir**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8, (Reuter): President George Bush suggested yesterday he was in no hurry to-meet Israeli Prime Minister Yitzbak Shanni during Shamir's visit to the United States next week.

'(I'm) certainly willing to consider it," he said when asked at a White House news conference if he would see the Israeli leader, who has been at odds with Washington on how to conduct Middle East peace talks.

Bush said he believed there was a "real effort now to work out support" for Secretary of State James Baker's five-point plan to pave the way for Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on elections in

the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "I'd like to feel that a meeting would be held and that it would be constructive, that we'd have something positive to talk about," said Bush, who has repeatedly declined to commit

himself to a meeting with Shamir. The United States opened a diplomatic dialogue with the PLO last year after its leader Yasser Arafat said the group accepted Israel's right to exist and renounced terrorism.

But Israel still regards the PLO as an organisation that seeks the destruction of the Jewish state and says it will have nothing

In Jerusalem, Shamir said he still hoped Bush would agree to

"Of course I am going to the United States and I would like to meet the president and I am sure that any meeting with him will be very helpful."

# aboard his plane. "We were unable to agree with some of the changes that had been requested by the Israeli government before the meeting of

Baker said he would not give the Israelis any secret assurances, but he said Washington was still examining Israel's request for assurances on

He could not confirm reports from Cairo that the PLO had asked for seven assurances of its own to protect its role in the

Baker said Egypt and the Palestinians hold the key to further progress in his peace initiative. They have yet to respond to his plan.

The plan seeks to bring Israel and Palestinians together to discuss elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where a bloody uprising against Israeli occupation has been raging for almost

Israel wants to limit the proposed talks to the subject of the elections and exclude discussions on the ultimate fate of the occupied territories.

"If you look at the five points, you'll see that we make it clear that the major matter to be dis-cussed in the dialogue is the ques-tion of modalities for elections," Baker said.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat has accused the US of retracting its peace plan and adopting the views of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

In an interview with the Egyptian weekly Al Mussawar today, Arafat warned the US not to help Israel stall for time in the belief this would crush the uprising in Israeli-occupied territories.

"Because if the powder keg explodes no-one in the region will be immune to the explosion," he said.

"It is obvious the American administration is adopting the viewpoint of Shamir and not that of the Israeli government," Arafat said.

The PLO will meet tomorrow in Tunis to make final decision on a US plan for direct Israeli-Palestinian talks, a PLO executive committee member said today, in Cairo.
"We will meet tomorrow in

Tunis to take the final decision in

the light of consultations with Egypt," Abdallah Hourani said today after talks in Cairo between PLO executive members and Egypt's Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid.

Palestinian activist Assad Saftawi said Israeli military officials have granted him permission to visit Egypt for consultations on the make-up of a Palestinian delegation to peace talks with

Israel meanwhile said it expec-ted the Palestinian team to be selected in Washington by the foreign ministers of Israel, Egypt and the United States and again ruled out any role for the PLO. Saftawi, a Gaza school prin-

cipal, said he was invited to Cairo to meet Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Maguid and Osama Baz, a political adviser to President Hosni Mubarak.

A second Palestinian from the occupied Gaza Strip, Dr Tawfik Al Yaziji, said Israeli authorities refused him a permit to travel to Egypt. They alleged he met PLO members while abroad earlier this year.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday said a Palestinian state in the occupied territories was "suicide" for Israel and warned that there was a limit to the concessions his government was prepared to

"We will not fall into traps," Shamir said in a fiery speech before activists from his rightwing Likud bloc. "There is a limit to the dangers we are prepared to take upon ourselves."
"We have told the Arabs and

the rest of world, a Palestinian state in the land of Israel will not go," he said. He said a Palestinian state is "a

lost way, a way to annihilation and a mistake. The state of Israel has no reason in the world to commit suicide."

### from polls AMMAN, Nov 8, (Reuter): Printers, calligraphers, food suppliers and cloth merchants have done

brisk business in the run-up to today's general election in Jor-

Conservative estimates say 650 candidates vying for 80 parliamentary seats have spent at least eight million dinars (\$10 million) duirng the first national campaign in 22 years.

They have paid for 130,000 amers, 10 million manifestos, one million posters and 15 million husiness cards. One Bedouin candidate hired a

light aircraft to scatter half a million election leaflets over nor-

thern areas. Sobbi Jabri, owner of Jordan's oldest entering house, said can-didates had ordered plenty of food for election day.

"So far my orders for today include 4,000 hanch boxes and 30 mausafs," he said, referring to the national dish of rice, mutton and yoghurt. One mansaf will feed 10

Jabri said his profits had riser 12 per cent during the three-week campaign and he had to turn some business away.

"The police ordered 30,900 hunch boxes, but I refused because it would disrupt work at my fast food chain, anger my daily cus-tomers and wear out my staff," he told Renters

A professional calligrapher, Mohammed Khaled, complained that many amateurs had made quick profits by selling low-quality work at discount prices to

arliamentary hopefuls. "We hardly broke even on th election banners," he said. "I maily charge two dinars (three cloth. I ended up halving my price to beat the competition."

The owner of a reputable advertising company said candidates had found his prices too high. "So many of my workers seized the chance and did freelance work designing banners," he com-

For some, the campaign has proved a boon. "I have settled my debts," Cairo-trained calligrapher Sultan Shkakhwa said contentedly.

Newspapers doubled their advertising rates. "I wish we had elections every year. Our profits rocketed," one editor said.



(Reuter wirephoto)



Jubilation

A Christian woman raises an automatic machine-gun and dances in celebration of the election of Rene Mouawad as Lebanon's new president at his hometown of Zgarta. (Reuter wirephoto)

### **AL envoy raps American veto**

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 8, (Agencies): Arab League Ambassador Clovis Maksoud said that "the US veto of a Security Council resolution, that would have demanded that Israel return property confiscated from Palestinian during a tax protest, for all practical purposes renders hollowits claim of sensitivity and sympathy for the Palestinian sufferings and its objections to

Israel's clear violation of Palestinian human and civil rights." "The US veto means that the Palestinians would remain hos-

tages to Israel's brutal measures without a consequential protection by the United Nations" said Maksoud. This came in the wake of US

veto of the UN resolution. The other 14 members of the council all voted for the resolution, which would also have sent a fact-finding mission to observe Israel's crackdown on the Palestinian uprising.
"The United States is deeply

distressed by the continuing violence and confrontation in the occupied territories," said US Ambassador Thomas Pickering.

Meanwhile Israeli troops shot and killed a 13-year-old Palestindemonstration in the West Bank vesterday, and a police commander recommended dismissal of six policeman involved in the fatal shooting of another youth.

'Also yesterday the army announced that it had broken up a ring of Muslim fundamentalists in the Gaza Strip who are believed to have kidnapped and killed two Israeli soldiers. In other violence, a Palestinian

suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities was found stabbed to death in the West Bank town of Nablus, and another Arab died in apparent infighting between militant groups in the West Bank.

American-born Stephen Lan-

gfur, a conscientious objector in the Vietnam war, has gone to jail here rather than serve his adopted country as a soldier in the occured territories.

With his decision, the 48-yearold father of two joined a small but reportedly growing number of soldiers refusing service in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, torn for more than 22 months by a bloody Palestinian revolt against Israeli occupation.

Amnesty International agreed yesterday to spend more time talking to Israeli authorities before reporting on Israel's Bank and Gaza Strip, the Israeli embassy said.

### Turkey post hit by shots from Syria

ANKARA, Nov 8, (Reuter): A Turkish military frontier post was hit by shots from Syria last night and the Turkish side returned the fire, an Interior Ministry spokesman said today.

"A border building was hit by some of the several shots fired, which ceased after return fire from the Turkish side. We had no casualties," spokesman Ibrahim Saracoglu told Reuters. "The shots came in the dark.

They could have been fired by smuggiers or anyone, we cannot He said a Turkish border guard was wounded by uniden-

tified fire from the Syrian side last week. The latest incident was at the western end of the frontier in Hatay province, a former Ottoman province ceded to Turkey in 1939. Ties between

have been strained for decades over Syrian claims on Hatay. Two Syrian MiG-21 jets shot down a Turkish civilian survey plane just across the border in Hatay on oct 21, killing all five people aboard. Syria offered condolences and ordered an

Nato-member Turkey and Syria

investigation into the incident. The ministry spokesman said Turkish border officials were not counterparts following last night's exchange of fire.

#### MIDEAST BRIEFS.

Israeli tanker to sail home: An Israeli-owned tanker blamed by Egypt for a Red Sea oil spill was due to sail for home today after insurers offered guarantees of payment in the resulting court case, sources close to the case said.

The Nyuta and its mainly Israeli crew had been held since October 23. (Reuter)

Eliason holds talks: The personal representative of United Nations Secretary General, Jan Eliason held a third round of talks here last night with Iraqi Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Tarek Aziz, during which he ended discussions concerning the Security Council resolution 598, Iraqi News Agency reported today.

The agency did not disclose further information

of the discussions that were attended by Iraqi officials along with the UN delegation. (Kuna)

Ouake hits Tunisia: An earthquake measuring 4.6 on the Richter scale last night shook a small town south of here, cracking old buildings but causing no injuries, the meteorological department reported

The quake hit at 18:30 local time, according to the department which failed to give further details.

Mubarak meets: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met in Cairo with president of the National Council of American Jews Ardeen Shayco and his accompanying delegation.

The meeting was attended by Egyptian Foreign Undersecretary and Director of the Egyptian President's Office for Political Affairs, Dr Ossama Al Baz and the American ambassador to Egypt.

Thawra said yesterday.

Al Thawra said that the national assembly has endorsed the proposal by the Foreign Ministry to sign such an accord. (AP) Israel-Cyprus dispute: Israel's flag carrier is balking at an offer from Cyprus for landing rights at

Extradition treaty proposed: Iraq is con-

sidering signing an extradition treaty with the United States, the ruling party newspaper Al

a secondary airport and Israel may cut the number of weekly flights by Cyprus Airways, the government news agency reported yesterday.

El Al, seeking to resume flights stopped after the
1974 Turkish invasion, is reluctant to land at Paphos Airport, 120 kilometres west of the main Larnaca

International Airport, the Cyprus News Agency reported. (AP) Newspaper reporter shot: A newspaper reporter was shot to death and a photographer

critically wounded yesterday at the office of a businessman the newspaper had romantically linked with a movie actress.

The semi-official Anatolia news agency said that the Gazete newspaper had issued a statement saying two of its journalists were ambushed and shot with

an automatic weapon at the office of Cemal Sincar.

Libya denies link: Libya yesterday denied claims by Chad that it recruited, trained and equipped rebels who have launched attacks into eastern Chad from bases in Sudan.

Chad claimed last Thursday that it had killed at least 600 Libyan-backed guerrillas, wounded 187 others and seized large stocks of weapons during a reprisal raid into Sudan on Oct 27. (AP)

### Iraqi maestro bridges cultural gap, seeks to instil love of Arabic music

BAGHDAD, Nov 8, (AP): For Munir Bashir, playing the pear-shaped stringed instrument known as the "ond" is more than just musical expression.

Bashir also seeks to instil a love of Arabic music in youngsters, hoping the rich artistic heritage is not lost or forgotten because of the influence of Western rock and disco music.

"It's a shame. We have such great" music, but the younger generations never heed it," Bashir said in an interview.

A native of Mosul in northern Iraq, Bashir is known as the "Amir of the oud," hailed by critics who compliment his style of playing the traditional music he regards as an important aspect of Arab culture.

"Music is part of the cultural identity of any people. It's not something you can borrow from others," said Bashir, 59.

"Music is not just entertainment. It's a source of spiritual and moral uplifting." Bashir, director of musical affairs at the Culture Ministry, has devoted 16

years to promoting Arabic music. He established a ballet and music school for children and set up the Iraqi institute of melody studies for teen-agers.

Three years ago he formed the Al Bayariq ensemble, a 28-member youth group, to develop interest in authentic Arabic music and help preserve centuries-old songs that were disappearing because of what he calls the "ugly thrust" of modern music. His youngest son, Omer 20, leads the ensemble.

"If we don't encourage young people to play these instruments, our traditional music will die and these instruments will only be found in museums," Bashir said. Al Bayariq brings together the oud,

ganun, santur and joza, all stringed instruments, as well as the tablah, a small drum, and the riqq, a frame drum with jingles similar to a tambourine.

The instruments used by the ensemble are specially made by elderly craftsmen in a workshop that Bashir set up. The ensemble has performed in several

foreign countries. In Paris, the young-sters performed at the Arab World Institute and were rewarded with standing "Now we've built a solid base, I hope these kids will stick to their instruments,

pioneering the way for others to follow," Bashir said. Arabic music has largely been ignored in the West because of its complex melodies and ornamental flourishes that make it difficult to grasp. But artists like Bashir are bridging the cultural gap.

Critics hail him as a creative musician and master of the oud. Foreign critics say Bashir is notable for

(Kuna)

his ability to project the emotions of Arabic music, often lost to non-Arabs. "He stretches the understanding of music to the limit," one European critic wrote. "To listen to him takes as much intellectual energy and attention as lis-

tening to the discourse of a sage."

Bashir has elevated the oud to solo instrument status after centuries of being used to accompany Arab singers. He added six more strings, pairing them with the others, to produce a fuller sound and melodic flexibility.

His playing is rooted in classical Arab forms but is largely improvisational. Some people even say it resembles jazz. Bashir said he discovered his gift for music while listening to his mother singing lullables to his younger brothers when he was six years old. She also played several traditional instruments. Bashir said he believes the oud origin-

ated in Iraq. The instrument has been seen on stone carvings dating back 2,000 vears. From Arabia, the oud made its way to Europe, possibly in the Moorish conquest of Spair

In his ministry office, cluttered with musical instruments, records and tapes, Bashir spends two to three hours a day playing. No one is allowed to interrupt

"All telephone calls and appointments have to be put off when Al Islath (the master) is playing, until he finishes his solo performance in his office," said his secretary, Nizar Jawad, a lyricist and

### **Ozal takes** oath today

ANKARA, Nov 8, (Reuter): Backed by less than one-in-six of his countrymen as prime minister, Turgut Ozal takes the oath as Turkey's new president tomorrow with opponents denouncing him as a potential dic-

Empty places at the inaugura-tion will testify to the controversy created by the former premier's drive for the presidency.

Opposition parties plan to boycott the ceremonies and refused to take part in the election of Ozai, 62, Turkey's dominant politician for the past decade.

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in tank trial ZURICH, Nov. 8, (AP): Three Swiss businessmen were cleared of fraud yesterday in a case involving the alleged sale to Iran of 50 American-built tanks that

A Zurich court found two of

the defendants guilty of forging

documents, presented to an Iran-ian official, Sadagh Tabatabai, who allegedly paid 90 million Swiss francs (\$56 million) for the The court sentenced both men to two years in prison for forgery but acquitted the third defen-

dant. The names of the trio were not released. Explaining the verdict, court president Jakob Kopp said the court had serious misgivings about the role of Tabatabai, a special envoy of the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

He said the court could not rule out that Tabatini was an

accessory to the 1981 deal, and

not a victim. It therefore could

not accuse the men of wilful

deceit, the basis of a fraud con-· viction. Tabatabai was never crossexamined in court as he enjoyed diplomatic immunity, although he did submit written evidence on condition this remained secret. He did not press charges.

against the Swiss men. The Zurich state prosecutor had called for prison sentences of up to six years. The prosecution charged the businessmen signed a deal for the tanks worth 130 million francs (\$81 million), of which 90 million francs was paid into a Swiss bank account by

### Accord on frozen assets

## Road to US-Iran ties

ing a reported \$810 million in assets withheld from Tehran for a decade has removed most of the financial roadblock to restored relations, an Iranian affairs expert and a US State Depart-

ment official said yesterday.
"This is the bulk of it," said Gary Sick, a national security council staff member during the Iranian revolution and the 1979-81 hostage crisis, and now a foreign affairs professor at

Columbia University.
"This is a very major step in terms of cleaning up the details," he said, but cautioned that obtaining freedom for eight US hostages held by pro-Iranian extremists in Lebanon 'could take a long, long time."

are moving,' he said, "that basically the Bush administration is trying to clean up some of the underbrush and pave the way to a resolution of the hostage business in Lebanon."

A White House spokesman confirmed that an agreement was reached Friday in the Hague, Netherlands, to release some Iranian assets. A State Department source said funds covered by the accord

totalled \$818 million. Of that, \$575 million was released to the Iranian government and \$243 million was transferred from a Bank of England escrow account to a Netherlands central bank 'security account' to cover pending US claims, bringing its

current balance to \$740 million,

With the Hague agreement, most of the roughly \$10 billion in Iranian assets frozen by Washington after US embassy staff were taken hostage in 1979 now has been released to Tehran, based on information from Sick, the State Department source and Assets held when the hostage

crisis ended on Jan 20, 1981, included some \$2.5 billion in gold and government securities held by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Most of this was transferred to Iran, the Bank of England and the Nederlands-

che Bank under the Algiers accord. About \$4 billion in Iranian assets was held in foreign branches of US banks.

The supporters of a Brotherhood candidate counting the votes.

### **Dead against** polls machine

### Computer controversy

NEW DELHI, Nov 8, (UPI): electronic voting machines for the first time in November national elections, but the plan has ignited protests by the opposition, which fears the devices will be rigged to favour

the ruling party.

Distrust of the computerised machines is so great that several opposition leaders said they vould ask the supreme court to block their use in India's Nov 22-26 parliamentary elections.

"This government has a record that if something can be manipulated, it will manipulate said Vishwanath Pratap Singh, president of the centrist Janata Dal Party and the man touted as the leading opposition contender to replace Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Officials of Rajiv's ruling Congress (I) Party dismissed suggestions that the machines could be programmed to fiddle ballots. They said the ruling party was confident of victory and did not have to resort to fraud.

"The opposition is unnecessarily creating a controversy," claimed V.N. Gadgil, one of four general secretaries of Rajiv's

The government's plan calls for using the machines manufactured by the state-owned Electronic Corp of India to replace traditional paper ballots and tin ballot boxes in some 50 out of 427 constituencies, to be selected by the Election Commission of

The devices are simple to use. A voter merely presses the button adjacent to a candidate's name and election symbol. The machine does the rest, recording the ballots and producing totals

for each contender.

"The machine is a good idea.
They would remove 60 per cent
of the problems arising due to
manual counting," said Chief
Election Commissioner R.V.S. Peri Shastri, who has been holding talks with opposition leaders in a bid to allay their concerns.

We will ensure there is no scope for doubts and we plan to implement it only after the doubts are removed," Shastri

Advocates of the machines contend they would reduce the labour-intensive and time-consuming task of manual ballot counting. And they say the devices also would eliminate invalid ballots, which occur when voters fail to properly stamp their cards.

But opposition leaders expressed suspicion about the govern-ment's decision to deploy the machines without field trials or independent testing.

"The circuit chip can be

programmed to rig and is a 21st century hijacking of democracy," charged Singh. "Only the government will have access to the programme that will control the voting machines. The circuit chip can be programmed ... and this government will do

Critics also pointed out that many areas of India are unsuitable for such machines because of

unreliable power supplies.

To underscore their concerns, Singh and other opposition leaders hired a computer engineer who demonstrated to a Oct 14 news conference three ways the machines could be programmed to produce fraudulent results.

New B.M.W. cars on show

in SAS Hotel — The Tent

On the occasion of the Kuwait Auto Show '90, Ali and

Fuad Al Ghanim Company, (BMW agents) invited high

dignitaries and diplomats to attend a special show of the

new BMW cars. The show was held on Sunday evening

at SAS Hotel - The Tent. It was attended by the General

Manager of the Middle East region, Manager of Kuwait, Iraq and Egypt area and Mr. Siemki, head of

The invitees were received by Mr. Ali and Mr. Fuad Al

Ghanim and senior company employees. The function

international media, who arrived especially from

started with a speech by Mr. Ali Al Ghanim who

thanked the invitees for attending. Mr. Siemki then

spoke about the most important features of the new BMW cars and the main modifications introduced on

them. After that, the three new cars were shown to the

invitees. They included the new BMW convertible two-

seater-21, BMW 750 i and BMW 850 i coupe. A dinner

6,000 engineers for development and research

A press conference was held the next morning. It was attended by managers of BMW-Germany, a number of

Ali and Fuad Al Ghanim Company managers and officials and representatives of the local press. Mr. Siemki

development of the BMW cars. He showed a number of

slides to explain the development stages of BMW. He said:

"It's important for BMW to achieve success in the market

through influencing its forces and not by following them.

development center, in which over 6,000 engineers and

technicians are working. They co-operate among themselves and co-ordinate with the production divisions

in all stages of development. This keeps the cost within

continuous improvement in the quality and type of the

Mr. Siemki added that in order to keep up with continuous development, the board of directors of BMW

announced in 1986 that it will present a new car every

21 has been the most important of these projects. It has been developed in such a way to include elegant and

unique features. The BMW 850 i is not a modification of

an already present group. It is a totally different model.

transmission BMW 850 i will begin in the beginning of

1990, while the manual transmission cars will begin in May 1990 and that cars will be available in the market in

Mr. Siemki said that the production of automatic

year. Since then, the company produced the fifth and seventh group cars, BMW 21 and 850 i coupe. The BMW

reasonable limits, but what is more important is the

addressed the conference and spoke about the main

To remain on top, BMW established a research and

Germany for the occasion.

party was then held.

product.

July of the same year.



Youthful campaign

The youth wing of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress party launches its campaign in New Delhi for the general elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

# **Kerala factor**

Two-way contest

By Dr George Mathew Special to the Arab Times

NEW DELHI, Nov 8: The incessant rain in Kerala dampens colourful graffiti, party flags and festoons but not the political spirit of its 29 million popula-tion. The parliamentary elections have brought excitement all over. Kerala has only two fronts Left Democratic Front (LDF) with Communist Party of India (Marxists) — CPI(M); CPI, Congress (Socialists), Janata Dal and Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) as partners and United Democratic Front (UDF) with Congress (I), Muslim League and Kerala Congress. Other small parties like BJP, which do not form part of these fronts have only a nuisance value. Thus for all practical purposes it is like a two-party system in Kerala.

Kerala has 20 parliamentary seats and in the 1984 elections UDF bagged 17 and LDF 3 — Marxists, Janata and Congress(S) one each.

A few months before the election announcement, Chief Minister E.K. Nayanar had told his tion in the Parliament by sending four MPs.

After Karunakaran's Congress Ministry went out of power when UDF was defeated in the 1987 elections the Congress high command deputed A.K. Antony to give life and strength to the dying State Congress(1). Then Antony was one of the AICC secretaries in Delhi. He did a remarkable job in Kerala in the last two years and gave vitality to the party through mass mobilisation. Chief Minister Nayanar's despondency about the elections arises from this background.

A tour of the state after the beginning of the campaign by various parties, one gets the feeling that Nayanar may prove wrong and Kerala may soring surprises.

The allocation of the seats and decision of candidates went smoothly in the LDF. The Marxists are contesting in 10 constituencies, CPI in 4, Congress(S), Janata Dal and RSP one each. Ernakulam, Trivandrum and Muvattupuzha have independent

candidates supported by LDF.
In contrast, the UDF seat division and the candidates' list went into rough weather. Vayalar Ravi, former Congress(I) home minister in the state, V.M. Sudheeran, the dynamic youth leader and their supporters who form an influential section in the party were discontent because none of them got ticket. National Democratic Party (NDP) of the influential Nairs and Socialist Revolutionary Party (SRP) of the numerically strong Ezhavas shared the fate of Vayalar Ravi. Added to these, there was dissension within Congress over giving Calicut seat to K. Karunakaran's son, K. Muralidharan. A section within the Youth Congress is sore and the Calicut district Congress is divided on this issue. But the unkind blow to UDF came from the Kerala Congress which could swing sizeable Syrian Christian votes one way or other.

Kerala Congress, founded in 1964 by P.T. Chacko in protest against Congress bossism to protect the farmers' interests in Kerala soon transformed itself into a Christian communal party. Today it has two belligerent factions: one led by P.J. Joseph and the other by K.M. Mani. The Joseph group, recognised by the Election Commission, won two seats in Muvattupuzha and Mukundapuram in 1984 and Mani group only one. This time Congress was adamant that it will give only one each to the two groups although the demands were far more. What angered Joseph most was that the seat which it demanded (Muvattupuzha) was given to its rival Mani. Now Joseph himself is a candidate from Muvattupuzha against the late P.T. Chacko's son P.C. Thomas. The LDF attitude to his candidature is not clear now but the Mani group — Congress(I)

ally — is facing a sure defeat.

The main fall out of P.J. Joseph's rebellion is that in six constituencies -- Trichur, Mukundapuram, Kottayam, Mavelikara and Idukki - the Kerala Congress youth has begun to work actively for the LDF candidates. This has substantially improved LDF chances.

The widespread belief is that Karunakaran's "arrogant attitude" towards Antony loyalists has

resulted in the kind of situation UDF is finding itself

today.

The LDF has put up writers, intellectuals, youth, students and women. UDF has preferred to rely on old hands most of them lack lustre and impressive performance in the previous Parliament. While Congress which proclaimed "Naari Sakti" (women's power) and advertised that it will give 30 per cent seats to women has given just one seat to the fair sex. LDF has three women candidates.

Few constituencies need special mention. Trivandrum is witnessing a fight between the Malayalam poet O.N.V. Kurup and the sitting Congress (I) MP, Charles, who is a Nadar Christian. Although there is a theory that Nadars who form a sizeable percentage in Trivandrum vote en bloc for their candidate, O.N.V.'s appeal to the youth, students, intellectuals besides the leftists and liberals gives him an edge in the capital of the state. The same is the case in Ernakulam where retired High Court Chief Justice Subramaniam Potti is pitted against the sitting Congress (I) member, Prof. K.V. Thomas. Potti has earned a name as a pro-poor, upright judge and is

held in high esteem by all sections.

Mavelikara, in central Travancore area, is witnessing a unique situation where two sitting MPs, both from the same church, have locked horns. The LDF candidate Thampan Thomas was a star performer in the present Lok Sabha and has the record of nursing his constituency assiduously.

His trade union background and loyalty to his church is being tested against Prof. P.J. Kurien's academic influence and church loyalty. The latter has come to Mavelikara at the eleventh hour much against the plea of his church leaders that he should contest from the neighbouring Idukki constituency where he won with the highest margin in 1984. The dithering in the Congress camp has cost Kurien dearly because his campaign is far behind that of Thampan. The fact that candidates from the same community and church are fighting it out in a constituency where Hindu votes and other churches are powerful points to the kind of secularisation process underway in the state. Two Union ministers are candidates from Kerala this time. K.R. Narayanan (former ambassador in US and Jawaharlal Nehru University vice-chancellor) from Ottapalam and Krishna Kumar (who resigned from Indian Administrative Service to enter politics in 1984) from Quilon. The latter's seat is unpredictable against the young RSP candidate Babu Diwakaran of Ezhava community as they are numerically stron-

The 'rubber' area Kottayam (this district achieved the unique honour of hundred per cent literary) has two youth candidates: Ramesh Chennithala of Congress (I) and Suresh Kurup of CPI (M). Kurup, the youngest sitting MP in India, had made his mark in Delhi and Chennithala has an uphill task in defeating him. Congress will spare no efforts to get this prized trophy for, the Congress candidate is a Karunakaran loyalist.

Meanwhile, a section of Christian clergy and

thinkers led by Bishop Paulose Mar Paulose and former chairman of the World Council of Churches Dr M.M. Thomas have issued a statement calling upon the voters to view the forthcoming elections as the most important one in the history of independent India. They have warned the people about the harm the communal BJP could cause to the secular fabric of the nation and flayed the present Congress (1) as semi-fascist. The statement which got wide coverage in the print media has not concealed the faith reposed in the Janata Dal and Left Front.

Kerala has 18,908,385 voters; 4,670,521 more than 1984 which is 20 per cent increase. Out of this 1,656,247 are between 18 and 21 years who gained right to vote through a recent Central law passed by the Congress (I) government. Kerala has the unique distinction of having more women voters (9,672,186) than men.

The 1987 assembly election saw less than one per cent votes tilting the balance in favour of LDF. The LDF cannot claim to its credit shining achievements in the last two years. Congress is making unity and integrity of the country, alleged corruption by 4 LDF ministers, law and order and attack on religious institutions main issues.

### Raineesh tells voters political parties irrelevant

NEW DELHI, Nov 8, (Reuter): Rajneesh, the mystic expelled from the United States, told Indian voters today the country did not need political parties and that any election candidate who asked for a vote should be refused it.

"I don't want to see any political party in this country — there is no need," the guru, now known as Osho and living in the western city of Poona, said in a statement ahead of elections starting on Nov 22.

"One who comes to you begging for your vote is worthless," he said. "The one who has some worth, and who has some vitality, some self-respect, will never come to you begging. You will have to go to the individual and persuade him to accept your

The solution, he said, was a government of

# Lanka violence claims 58 lives

### Opposition plans no-trust motion

COLOMBO, Nov 8, (Reuter): Eleven Tamil guerrillas killed in a gunbattle inside a wild-life park were among 58 people slain in 24 hours of violence in Sri Lanka to this morning, military sources said.

Fighting broke in Wilpattu national park, 175 km (110 miles) northwest of Colombo, when nine soldiers on righting superiord 35 Tamil and 18 park. on patrol surprised 35 Tamil rebels ransacking a bungalow yesterday.

The eight remaining soldiers hid in the jungle after running short of ammunition and were picked up today. Eleven rebels and a soldier were killed in the shootout.

by an air force helicopter, the sources said.

They said the rebels were suspected of belonging to the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam.

guerrilla group, which is believed by authorities to run a camp in the park.

Police killed 15 Sinhalese

rebels after storming their jungle hideout in a tea estate at Pussellawa in the central hills. Four of the dead were women. Police recovered 12 shotguns, two revolvers, police and army

uniform and People's Liberation Front posters from the hideout. Ten\_rebels of the Sinhalese front, fighting to oust the gover-nment, were killed by security forces in eastern Trincomalee in

an operation that also yielded arms and ammunition. In central Kandy, residents today found the bullet-riddled bodies of 10 young men outside a state-owned bus transport office, which had earlier been attacked

by the Front. Eleven killings of civilians were reported elsewhere in a government statement released today. It said Front rebels torched the engine and two compar-tments of a train in Habarana in the northcentral district yester-

day.
Eastern residents said Sri Lanka's main Tamil group issued handbills at bus stations and public places appealing to its arch-rival to stop its attacks. Deputy Defence Miniser Ran-

jan Wijeratne told reporters yesterday that 900 Sri Lankan soldiers would be moved to eastern villages to maintain law and order. But Ampara residents today

reported no new Sri Lankan

troops. "There are no Sri Lankan soldiers around in the affected areas," a resident said by tele-India has asked the government to ensure safety of people in

the eastern Ampara district, Indian and Sri Lankan officials said Indian High Commissioner Lakhan Lal Mehrotra and Sri Lankan foreign affairs advised Bradman Weerakoon breakdown of security in the

area, 200 kms (125 miles) east of The largest opposition group in parliament will try to oust the governing United National Party because of its inability to curb ethnic violence and infla-

tion, officials said today. The Sri Lanka Freedom Party will call for a vote of no-confidence in the government in parliament on Nov 15.

## Pakistan for Saarc N-pact

### Benazir opens meeting

ISLAMABAD, Nov 8, (AP): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto opened a seven-nation South Asia foreign ministers' meeting today with a new call to negotiate a regional nuclear non-prolifera-

"We are prepared for negotiations to prevent proliferation of nuclear weapons in our region on a non-discriminatory basis." Benazir told ministers from India and six other nations of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation, known by the acronym Saarc.

Pakistan is widely reported to have developed nuclear weapons capability despite denials by Benazir's government, and a military-led government before

India exploded what it called a "peaceful nuclear device" in 1974.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has refused to discuss the issue of non-proliferation with Pakistan because he claims that the military, and not Benazir's civilian government, is in charge of the programme.

"Benazir'denied that claim at a joint news conference with Rajiv 🍒 last July in Islamabad.

Pakistan, which has fought three unsuccessful wars with neighbouring India, previously bilateral non-nuclear

India has rejected them, analysts contend, mainly because it wants to keep its nuclear weapons option open in response to China, its rival northern neighbour. China has been a nuclear power since 1964.

Benazir's latest proposal came at the start of a two-day meeting that is setting the stage for a

December summit of South Asian leaders, probably in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Other Saarc members are Bangladesh. Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives.

The foreign ministers were originally to meet in July, but that session was cancelled after Sri Lanka said it would boycott. to protest India's refusal to withdraw more than 50,000 of its soldiers from the island nation. The two countries have since reached an agreement on the troop withdrawal.

Predominantly-Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan have tried to thaw traditionally cold rela-. tions since Benazir's left-leaning. government came to power following elections last November. . .

Her right-wing political opponents have accused her of selling out Pakistan's interests in her rush to normalise ties with...

"The problems of underdevelopment must not be compounded by misgivings and mis-perceptions," Benazir told the foreign ministers. "The legacy of mistrust suspicion and genuing security concerns need to be overcome.

The South Asian nations represent a combined population of more than I billion people who earn on average about \$150.

Benazir, who is expecting her a second child within a month, said one third of child deaths world. wide occur in Pakistan, India and 🤄 Bangdadesh.

The Saarc charter signed four years ago in Bangladesh pro-hibits overtly political initiatives. The regional association was organised to concentrate on" trade, cultural, health and environmental issues.

### Afghan aid workers step up security

PESHAWAR, Nov 8, (AP): Humanitarian aid organisa-tions in this turbulent city bordering war-torn Afghanis-tan tightened security yesterday after a Canadian relief worker disappeared last Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Chinese and American embassy officials refused to confirm or deny reports that two missing Chinese diplomats have sought political asylum from the United States.

The diplomats, identified as Second-Secretary Abdul Karim and Cultural Attache Rehman Anwar, disappeared Saturday almost a week before the official visit on Nov 14 of Chinese Premier Li Peng.

The Canadian, identified as John Tarzwell, 32, had

worked 11 months in Peshawar for a Christian organisa-

(Serve), when he disappeared. He is believed to have been kidnapped, although no one has accepted responsibility. The organisation provided aid to Afghan war refugees, living in warren-like camps scattered throughout Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province.

"Certainly we have increased our security," said Peter Reese, field-director of the British-based Afghanaid relief organisation. "We have advised all our (ex-patriots) and our 16 drivers to be aware that abductions are a pos-

Official sources have confirmed two previous attempts to abduct foreign aid workers over the last few months."

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Art Exhibition

for oil paintings and sculptures, Dating from the 16th century to the 19th century from Saturday 11th Nov 1989.

> Seturday 11 Nov, 1989 from 6.30 am to 8.30 pm (opening date only)
> Other exhibition dates from 9.30 am - 1 pm 4.30 - 9 pm.

### BUSINESS & FINANCE

### **e** Algeria to expand gas Otion capacity

MOVEMBERIA

ALGIERS, Nov 8. (Opecial: Algeria is planning to expand its A wild-life present gas capacity of 30 billion present gas capacity of 30 billion cu. meures by 10 to 15 per cent at a 10. who 10, when nine cost of "no more than a few hundred million dollars," according to Mustapha K. Faid, deputy were picked by Reneral manager of the Algerian National Oil Company (Sonation of Table atrach).

He told Opecna in an interview here that Algeria was "fortun-ately in a position where the gas infrastructure was already in place. It would have been a dificreal story if we were just starting out. He cited the example of fellow Opec country Nigeria, which, according to him, will require an investment of \$2.5 billion to set up its five billion cu. metre gas project.
Faid said between 25 and 30

per cent of Algeria's foreign exchange bydrocarbons came from gas.

Asked what percentage of the \$220 million to \$220 million explora
as bydrocarbon explorasummit of spent on hydrocarbon explora-lers. probable tion was accounted for by gas, he Sri Lanka (k ers are Banghe un and the Male. replied that it was not possible to carry out one exploration for gas and a different one for oil. gn ministers He explained: "You cannot

separate the two. You simply explore for hydrocarbons. You sometimes hit gas, sometimes both oil and gas. We are carrying out extensive exploration in the south of the country. In view of our vast land area, we have no need for offshore exploration."

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Faid was asked about the role of the card of the card

of hydrocarbons in Algeria's economic development at a time when a great deal was expected from this source in view of the country's debt and economic restracturing problems.

# GCC ideal vehicle for promoting Arab economic integration

ABU DHABI, Nov S. (Opecna): The formation of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) has created "strong motivation" for establishing "comprehensive Arab economic integration," it has been said here.

A statement issued at the end of a three-day conference of the Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, also wel-comed the birth of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) and the Maghreb

It said: "The conference stresses the need for free movement among these three groups, avoiding any protectionist measures against each other."

In his opening speech to the con-ference, United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan affirmed that Arab economic mtegration and the setting up of an Arab common market were the main constituents of realising Arab unity which "has become not only a definite

necessity, but a matter of destiny. In the address, made on his behalf by Economy and Commerce Minister Saif Al Jarwan, he said; "The Arab nation has the ingredients to form an integrated economic bloc and look forward to a brighter tomorrow and a prosperous future," The president called for overcoming

ing this goal, stating that security and development could only be achieved through active and fruitful co-operation, Arab solidarity and the presence of a solid economic base secured through joint comprehensive develop-ment endeavours."

He pointed out that industrialisation and Arab food security were especially important, while efforts should also be exerted towards developing infrastructure, providing commercial information relating to import and export markets, in addition to alleviating problems resulting from administrative and customs procedures and restric-

Sheikh Zayed stressed the need to minimise dependence on manufactured imports, including foodstuffs, which ranked second on the list of imported goods representing "an extremely dangerous indicator

Heasserted: "This demands expanding the production base, directing efforts towards agricultural development and boosting joint Arab produc-tion projects as well as exerting efforts towards setting up heavy industries and large industrial establishments to help realise self-sufficiency and penetrate world markets."

During the talks, delegates urged

greater efforts to increase inter-Arab trade exchange, which, it was stressed, only constituted seven per cent of all

A call was made for making Arab products "more competitive" and ensuring that funds were available to boost inter-Arab trade,

The statement highlighted the importance of establishing the Arab company for inter-Arab trade, in addition to a data centre to act as a liaison office for Arab chambers.

"The conference calls for production integration in Arab countries and longterm trade deals among them," it said. The importance of providing for arbitration in Arab trade was also emphasised.

Delegates also agreed that concerted efforts should be made to strengthen the industrial base of Arab states by encouraging investments and creating the "right atmosphere" for such deal-

ings to flourish. A revision of farm product pricing in Arab countries was also urged to provide incentives for increased agricultural production and to ensure adequate protection for the sector's

operations. The conference further called for improved farming policies to boost the

production of strategic crops.

Borrowing crunch averted

## **Bush signs debt** ceiling legislation

(Reuter): President George Bush, in a move that averted a potential US government borrowing crunch, signed legislation today raising the federal debt ociling to a record \$3.12 trillion.

Bush's action, announced by the White House in a written statement less than 15 hours after Congress approved the bill, cleared the way for the Treasury to issue \$40 billion in long- and short-term bonds this week.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady had postponed the move until the borrowing limit was raised from \$2.8 trillion, the

The government breeched the \$2.8-trillion debt limit last month. Had the new debt ceiling become law today, banks would have been unable to honour cheques issued by the Treasury and holders of maturing federal securities would have been unable to redeem them.

A delay in enacting the measure also would have exerted upward pressure on interest rates, threatening to plunge the country into a recession, congressional budget analysis said.

Congress approved the legisla-tion late yesterday after a com-promise untangled the bill from disputes over catastrophic health insurance and other controversial issues. Supporters of these measures had sought to add them to the debt-limit bill as a way to win quick passage.

The Treasury Department, which urged Congress to complete action yesterday, was expected to schedule a Thursday auction of securities to raise needed cash to avoid the historic

In the deal that broke a months-long legislative stalemate, congressional leaders of both parties agreed that the issue of repealing or reforming last year's catastrophic illness insurance law would be handled separately. Had a default occurred, the Federal Reserve Board would have told banks not to honour government cheques, the congressional budget office told law-

Although most social security and other retirement cheques for November have laready been cashed, cheques to defence contractors, federal employees. medicare providers, state and local governments and others would have bounced and default occurred, the memo said.

A default aisò would have raised the interest rate the government paid for future borrowing, caused other interest rates to rise, devalued the dollar and caused a possible adverse reaction in the financial markets, the memo said.

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#### Dollar's crash creates havoc St Louis Bank lowers prime lending rate

for zloties in droves.

NEW YORK, Nov 8, (Reuter): A key mid-eastern regional bank lowered its prime lending rate today, responding to signs that the Federal Reserve Board is pushing down short-term US interest

Southwest Bank of St Louis said it would lower its prime rate, the traditional benchmark for what it charges its best costomers, to 10 per cent from 10.5 per cent, effective on Thursday. The bank is often a trend-setter in moving the

The central bank entered the sey markets on Monday and Tuesday, pushing down the closely watched Federal funds rate to 8.5 per cent from 8.75 per cent level seen as its previous target. The Fed funds rate is the rate banks charge each other for overnight loans

The action by the St Louis bank followed mixed economic statis-

Although the prime's importauce as a corporate lending rate has diminished through the years, it remains a key rate and influen including those on home mortgage

"All theories are going to WARSAW, Nov 8, (Reuter): A crash in the value of the dollar ieces. Even those who kept dollars in bank accounts have against the Polish zloty has decided to draw them as alcohol caused havoc in Warsaw's free currency market and people are doing what once seemed unthinor radios and televisions cost much less in Pewex or Baltona kable - they are selling dollars (hard currency) stores than for

On what the press has dubbed paper Rzeczpospolita said "Black Tuesday" this week, the "But there is a large group, tumbling free market value of the dollar hit about 5,000 zloties compared with around 12,000 zloties when the Solidarity-led government took over from the

communists on September 12. In a country where the local currency is so weak that people can buy most big items such as cars and houses only with hard currency, most Poles usually want to buy dollars.

But on Tuesday, as has been the case increasingly in recent weeks, people bucked the trend by selling big amounts of dollars in the hope that the dollar's fall would continue and they could resell their zloties at a profit. Others rushed to the bank to

draw dollars for another reason - they suddenly discovered that some goods had become cheaper in special hard currency shops than in ordinary stores.

rates to merge so that the zloty can become convertible on the domestic market. zloties," the government news-

perhaps the majority, who have drawn hard currency from accounts in order to exchange it promptly for zloties and, when the rate drops further, buy dollars and make money from the dollar slump," it said.

Economists are confused. Some say annual inflation of close to 300 per cent has forced people to sell dollars because the real value of wages has fallen and they are short of zloties.

Others suggest Poles are less afraid than a few months ago that political and economic reform will create chaos in the economy and ordinary life, and fell less need to protect themselves against zloty-inflation by hoarding hard currency.

The government has been regularly devaluing the zioty to narrow the vast gap between its

Gold hits 7-month high but drifts back official and free market rates against the dollar. It wants the

> The official rate is for tourists and trade. A free market has thrived since Poles were allowed to set up private foreign exchange booths last spring with rates set by market forces.

The National Bank devalued thezioty's official rate by 14.3 per cent to 2,800 zloties per dollar on Monday. Next day, the dollar rate fell from about 6,000 to around 5,000 zloties.

Currency dealers said the dollar held steady in Warsaw today but the fall was now being felt in the provinces.

One kg (2.2 pounds) of ban-anas sold for \$1.20 in a hard currency stores today. In an ordinary shop a street away it sold for 10,000 zloties (about \$2). "This is still a puzzle for econ-

omists," deputy government spokesman Henryk Wozniakowski told a news conference. Meanwhile, the price of gold

bullion hit a seven-month high in London today but drifted down later as investors cashed in their

Expat finance

### How to plan a financial future

By Tony Mustala Special to Arab Times

VETAge about WELL, now having avidly studied, cut out and pasted all of my previous o is expense articles in this series into your thin a most treasured scrap book, you will be all deaths at fully briefed on how to assess the risk akistan in the various media on offer. What are you going to do with all this hardnarter signalis, benefit from it? The aim of this whole Banglades it series is to encourage the reader to oliticalinum plan his or her financial future, whether you be a person in your twenties or a rather more senior citizen whose retirement years are now looming large in his or her al, bealit:

The bookshops are full of learned tomes on how to succeed in life and one can boil down their basic message bito three words, plan, plan, plan. Those who fail to plan, plan to iail, — plan your work, work your plan — or rather more colourfully. Whether it be a comfortable ighan war ris retirement in the cottage with roses round the door, a two-year sab-batical walking round Nepal and (pronspon | Tibet, or the bar on "some paradise island," these will not happen by curity," sails
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when you last carried out this exercise and you will probably come up with a negative answer. Don't be afraid to dream a little either — that dream could prove very inspiring and motivating, but try to temper it with a seasoning of reality too. Write your dreams and ambitions and, most importantly, your responsibilities down in any old order that they occur to you and then number them in an

order of priority. Next have a good look at what you are already catering for — is your eventual home purchase underway, for instance, and do you enjoy the benefits of an excellent company pension scheme? There's two big requirements estered for straight away. If not, then they deserve a iriy high priority! Children's needs also figure fairly

sity or college costs, wedding costs, help with first house purchase etc., may be important to you and many of the benefits which they enjoy by virtue of your expatriate stams could well need to be funded by you should you be forced into an unimely return to your country of origin for whatever reason. These noble and praiseworthy ambitions should be however -- carer for the need, let the

greed creep in later. If you're fortunate enough to belong to a first class pension scheme you will have, simost certainly, a level of life insurance benefit of four times your annual salary plus a retirement benefit of 66-2/3 per cent of your final salary (averaged over the three years preceding referement) as a lifetime pention, reducing by about half should the pensionable spouse predeceased his or her marriage partner and thence pays for the ren ainder of the second life.

Since most of pr expatriates are not members of these valuable schemes, it is up to ourselves to Usually it will pay to split the two components up and go shopping separately for each element — the reason for combining them is normally because of associated taxbreaks in the country of origin, but those breaks don't exist here as yet!

This has bad connotations in most This has bad connotations in most people's minds because they don't fall for the marketing men's jargon—what we're really talking about here is death insurance. However, we look at it, should the great hammer-blow fall whilst out here, we will leave behind dependants who cannot stay have been most executiviste to country. here, but must repairiate to country of origin—if your dependants are of local origin they can, of course, stay, but without the benefits of your earnngs or even a very sophistic fare benefits system by our stan-

And fatal illness or accident can happen here just as easily as any-where else in the world — I sometimes think Kuwaiti taxi drivers are on a commission from the e companies to keep the statistics favourable. Should you care to

one of these gentlemen or the law of gravity with a falling tree (you know that tree), then bingo? — it's away with your to the great pool hall in the sky. Your financial worries are now over - or are they? Bearing in mind the origins of our religion, there may be a joining fee, an ongoing membership fee and a tariff at the gate!

The people we should really feel sorry for at such a time are the surviving family members who have lost a dearly loved one and a supporting nn of the family structure that loss is grievous enough without needing to be compounded by a major and immediate financial loss as well: This is particularly so, since the cost of avoiding this predicament is so relatively cheap — for cover of 100,000 units, the cost is 625 units per year for those aged forty or under, rising to 2,000 units per year at age fifty. (The units can be translated o the currency of your choice). This is cheap term insurance for a five-year term but renewable at the end of the five-year period at the rate appropriate to your age then.

Cheap you may think, but that is a new rate which came into force earlier in the year and represents a 130 per cent increase on what it could have been bought for in January — \$270 p.a. for a forty-year-old to give cover of \$100,000. Why? The answer in a word is Aids.

The onset of this disease is causing actuaries all over the world to tear out their bair in desperation. These very skilled gentlemen (who can multiply and do long-division whereas accountants only add and substract) are thrown into a quandry by the fact that Aids itself does not kill. It destroys the immune systems of the body, which means that the sufferer can be carried off by a cold, a minor liver upset or some otherwise trifling

When it comes to registering the cause of death on the certificate, therefore, this is very often stated as "Liver failure" or "acute respirator; congestion," without the much feared word putting in appearance. It is this unknown "X factor" which causes the upset in what has become a fairly exact calculation, together with fears of an Alda explosion as doom and gloom, and causes the aforesaid gentlemen to raise rates to a level where they consider themselve safely buffered against the unknown

split milk now, so all we can do is grin and bear it since there seems to be no way round the increase. The cally wild understatement that unfortunately come true for those about to ensure their own blameless and unsulfied lives.

Those of you of European, Candian or Australian origins may be a little surprised to see me advocating this cheap form of term insurance, as you may be more familiar with the ent, whole life or universal iffe type concept, where the protec-tion element is packaged with an investment element which means that there is a hefty payout at the end of the term, and so is much more appealing to the buyer.

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Despite the "money back" appeal, you will find that if you wish to achieve the required level of protection with such a scheme, the cost goes up by quite a substantial factor and, most importantly the year maining. most importantly, the vast majority of these "policies" have the invest-ment portion located "offshore", where the funds suffer tax on their

It is usually better, therefore, to split the package into its constituent haives, by the required level if insurance protection separately, and thereafter concentrate on finding a food offshore, tax-free investment scheme which will grow in the offshore environment without the unwelcome attentions of the tax-

There is, of course, a very strong argument to be made for writing a further protection contract on the life of one's spouse, since the loss of either marriage partner entails a financial loss to the survivor. Only you, however, can begin to put an however, can begin to put an adequate compensation figure on that loss and at this stage I will bow

up, Next week, I will deal with the other half of the question posed earlier i.e. that of providing a pension. (Overseas Financial Service

### Tehran rebuilds Abadan refinery

Symbol of another Iran

ABADAN, Iran, Nov 8, (UPI): The war-torn city of Abadan, on the banks of the Shatt-Al-Arab river, has just one thing to be proud of — a giant oil refinery that dominates the skyline for miles around.

Contrasting sharply with the domes and minarets that bridge the nation's 2,500 years of history, the refinery is in fact a symbol of another Iran, one that was moving rapidly into the modern world of industry and enterprise.

On a fateful day in September 1980, history dealt a cruel blow to Abadan.

Iragi forces, confident of victory over a demoralised Iranian army, crashed across the border to begin what was to become the eight-year Gulf war. Abadan, lying smack on the border, became an easy target for Iraqi artillery, and a barrage of shells smashed into the sprawling refinery compound. Iran's pride and the largest oil refinery in the world went up in flames, with tongues of fire rising hundreds of feet into the air. Palls of black smoke from the

installation were visible some 30 miles or more away. Farzad Ovaici, a refinery official, lived to tell the tale. The Iraqi fire came from

across the Shatt-Al-Arab, just 300 yards wide at this point. Strangely, though the Iraqis surrounded Abadan and the refinery, they never entered the premises. The refinery workers were able to drain the various distillation towers and other units of highly inflammable material to keep the

The workers also managed to save 53 billion worth of equipment from the premises, whisking it off to nearby towns before the Iraqi troops blocked the surrounding roads.

Ovaici, now the managing director of the refinery, spoke to foreign journal-ists, who were allowed to visit the installation toward the end of October for the first time since the war began.

Today, amid a tangled mess of burnt-out rusting oil storage tanks, pock-marked towers and twisted pipelines, the Iranians have part of the refinery working again. Just 300 yards away, Iraqi guns still point ominously at the The six crude distillation towers were severely damaged, but Iran's engineers

have gotten the biggest and most modern one up and running. Proud of their achievement, they showed the journalists around the refinery.

The refinery, which once processed 630,000 barrels of crude oil a day, now produces 132,500 barrels of refined petroleum products daily—all at the single

ilt distillation tower. "We are producing gasoline, kerosene, gasoil (heating oil) and fuel oil here and are now earning \$1 million a day by exporting some of these products,"

Since April 1, when the refinery resumed partial operation, Iran had sarned some \$180 million by end of October from these exports, more than offsetting

the \$40 million spent on repair work, he said.

Hovering nearby, like giant statues from an ancient past, stood the five other distillation towers, all older and smaller than the one that has been repaired. Together they could add another 500,000 barrels a day to Iran's refining The Iranians already have drawn up plans to repair two more towers to boost

The transans already nave drawn up plans to repair two more towers to boost the capacity of the refinery to 380,000 barrels a day.

"We are just waiting for orders to go ahead," Ovaici said. Once started, the work could be completed in less than two years. But the orders to begin repairing the next two towers are not likely to be issued in the near future.

Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh pointed out that when Iran and Iraq about a UN sponsored casacire in August 1968, Tehran wanted to show it had a graying design for a lesting nears in the region and immediately set to work had a genuine desire for a lasting peace in the region and immediately set to work repairing the Abadan refinery.

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### IMF spells out demands to Beigrade in return for credit

BELGRADE, Nov 8, (Reuter): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has spelled out tough demands for reaching a new standby credit agreement with Yugoslavia a senior ugoslav official was quoted as saying today.

The country is grappling with a \$17 billion foreign debt and an inflation rate approaching 1,500 per cent.
The Belgrade newspaper Politika
Ekspres quoted Zarko Trbojevic, vice-governor of the Yugorlay National Bank, as saying the demands were made at the second round of talks with IMF officials in Beigrade hat week.

His remarks seemed to contradict Prime Minister Ante Markovic, who said on Monday the talks with the IMF had ended successfully and the agreement was expected to be signed by the end of the year. The IMF innisted that Yugoslavia

mast cover internal deficits in banks and firms worth five billion dollars before the deal could be signed, Tribojeciv said.

It also demanded the establishment of a unified welfare programme, strict adherence to interest rates and a real exchange rate

for national currency, the dinar.
These funds will have to be secured from real sources - the population and firms' income and taxes — not by the national bank issue," said Troojevic, head of the Yugoslav delegation at the IMF

Yugoslavia had a standby credit agreement which expired last June, but Markovic has said the country needed \$1 billion in fresh loans to rehaul the banking system and carry out his programme of economic

Markovic, who took office last March, has launched a comprehensive programme of economic reforms simed at making the ailing economy more market oriented.

But his liberalisation of prices and wages spiralled the annual inflation to 1,470,6 per cent in October, pushing a great number of population to the verge of sub-existence. Trbojevic said the talks with the IMF were expected to resume on December 1, but declined to say for

what period the standby deal was being negotiated. Meanwhile, the first money and securities market in Yugoslavia in 43 years was formally established in Belgrade today, the state Tanjug news

It said the exchange, which is to begin operating Dec 31, will at first

deal only in short-term financial

agency reported.

tificates, and will initially be used only by banks and other financial institutions. But the present financial and

evolve into a full-fledged stock market, allowing individual citizens to operate on it, the Borba news-DEDCT reported. "We re preparing to have in the future a stock market like any other ... which will also be connected to international markets," said Dragutin Gajic, an adviser in the Yugoslav National Bank in an

securities market will eventually

interview with the daily. The setting up of the exchange marks a major landmark in the efforts of Premier ante Markovic to radically reform Yugoslavia's stagnating economy and bring it in line

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increased use of aluminium in the

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Alba's output was marketed in

### **BUSINESS**

### Sri Lankan premier in **Tehran for** trade talks

NICOSIA, Nov 8, (Reuter): Sri Lanka's Prime Minister Dingiri Banda Wijetunga arrived in Tehran today to discuss economic and trade co-operation, Tehran Radio reported.

It said Wijetunga, who also holds the finance portfolio, told reporters in Tehran that Colombo backed Iran's efforts to reach economic indepen-

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Iran's Vice-President Hassan Ebrahim Habibi as saying the second session of the two countries' joint economic commission would be held during Wijetunga's four-day visit in Tehran.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's budget deficit in 1990 is expected to shrink by 10 billion rupees (\$250 million) from 1989's gap, according to government estimates presented in parliament yester-

The 1990 estimates show a deficit of 42 billion rupees (\$1 billion), down from the 1989 estimate of 52 billion rupees (\$1.25 billion).

Wijetunga, who presented the estimates, will explain to parliament on November 15 how he plans to finance spending in 1990, parliament officials said.

The whole budget is estimated at 103 billion rupees (\$2.5 billion) with revenue at 61 billion rupees

The top budget item next year is an allocation of 13.4 billion rupees (\$335 million) for provincial councils, through which the government plans to decentralise its functions.

Defence spending has been estimated at 10.2 billion rupees (\$250 million), up from eight billion rupees (\$200 million).

Spending for President Ranasinghe Premadasa's poverty alleviation programme will fall to 4.9 billion rupees (\$125 million) from 10 billion rupees (\$250 million) in 1989.

Officials said the programme was trimmed to appease the country's creditors who have been pushing for a cut back in handouts and subsidies.

### Strike brings traffic chaos

LISBON, Portugal, Nov 8, (AP): tugal's main cities today as public transport workers began a 48-hour strike for higher wages.
Workers from the National Bus

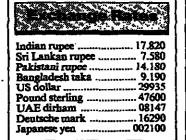
Company, Lisbon's subway, urban bus and street-car services and river ferries stayed at home, causing long delays for thousands of commuters. Employers hitched lifts, walked to work or stood in line for taxis. Many people took a mid-week break.

Officials Lisbon's bus and streecar company, Carris, said the firm hired 170 private buses to maintain service and said nine of the company's 770 buses broke the strike.

### Sale of the second

KUWAIT, Nov 8, (Kuna); Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the

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	Buying	Selling		
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### Bahrain's Alba to seek \$560m expansion loan. increased output from the Gulf.

BAHRAIN, Nov 8, (Reuter): Aluminium Bahrain BSC (Alba) will invite banks this mouth to bid for a \$560 million loan to finance an expansion which will make its smelter one of the biggest in the world, industry

officials said today. Development and Industry Minister Yousef Shirawi told Reuters he hoped the commer-cial loan for the mainly stateowned 205,000 tonne-per-year plant would be signed by the end

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (AP): The world traded a record \$2.7

trillion worth of goods last year, with the United States and 19

other industrial countries accounting for 2 trillion of it, the

International Monetary Fund

The overall total was an

increase of 15 per cent over the

year before, a rise only slightly

less than the 18 per cent increase

of 1987. Trade also increased

when measured in tonnage ins-

tead of dollars, and it was

increasing faster than world out-

put as it has generally done since

reported.

"All the negotiations are in hand and we expect the initial loan to be completed within the next two months," he said.

Eighty-five per cent of the \$1.4 billion project — which will more than double the smelter's annual capacity to 460,000 tonnes would be financed by borrowing, Shirawi said.

The expansion is one of several projects experts say could treble

annual "Direction of Trade Stat-

istics Yearbook" for 1989 were

made available on Monday.

They covered 161 countries

The Soviet Union and some of

its allies, which are not members

of the IMF, were handled

separately. The fund reported their trade also increased sub-

stantially, after declines or small

changes over the past five years,

but they accounted for only 2 per

cent to 3 per cent of the world's

West Germany shipped \$323 billion worth of goods as the

including China.

commerce.

Mideast imports surged

World trade boomed

to \$2.7 tr in 1988: IMF

aluminium output from the Gulf to over one million tonnes by the mid-1990s, making the region a major world producer.

Cheap energy and firm world aluminium prices have fuelled the trend. The United Arab Emirate of Dubai plans to expand its smelter to around 230,000 tonnes per year within two years from 163,000 at present while Qatar and Saudi Arabia are both considering building smelters with around

follow close belind with 320

billion. Japan was third with

The United States remained

the biggest importer with \$460

billion worth, compared with West Germany's 251 billion and

Third World countries, especially the rapidly industrial-

ising countries of Asia, boosted

their imports. Taiwan bought

\$50 billion worth of foreign goods, up from 35 billion the year

before, and South Korea 51

billion instead of 41 billion. Both

were still setting much more than

Britain's 189 billion.

Alba chief executive Gudvin Tofte told Reuters today the firm was seeking a 10-year loan and would invite bids from banks by the end of November. The remaining cost would be covered by export credits, supplier credit and equity from shareholders, he

Bahrain in July raised its stake in Alba to 74.9 per cent from 57.9

but at 10.5 per cent it grew more

slowly than in the rest of the

Latin's America's trade con-

tinued strong growth - 16 per

cent for exports and 15 per cent for imports — though the pace

In the Middle East, exports

grew by only 3.4 per cent as oil sales levelled off. Middle East

imports increased at about the

same pace as the world's: 15.3 per

The share of the Third World

as a whole in global trade

increased to more than 26 per

cent but did not reach the levels

was slower than in 1987.

ing 5.1 per cent.

per cent. The Saudi Arabian

Public Investment Fund holds 20 per cent and West Germany's Breton Investments the remain-

Work on the expansion would begin early in 1990 and should be completed within two to three years, Shirawi said.

Bahrain industry undersecretary Sheikh Isa Bin Abdullah Al Khalifa told reporters today he believed world demand could accept the

South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea, Nov 8, (AP): The government ordered emergency action today to stop imported indus-trial fats from the United States being used to illegally manufacture instant

poodles, the country's most popular

Prime Minister Kang Young-Hoon directed health officials to stop imports of inedible fats for food

processing. Kang also ordered tough new health rules for food production to stop possible misuse of industrial ingredients.

ced today that 10 senior officials from

five food companies would be indicted for violating health laws for allegedly using inedible, industrial fats and tallow to produce instant moodles and other foods. If convicted, the officials

The government actions came after

growing public anger over what the South Korean news media has dubbed

"the great noodle scandal."
Officials allege that several top
food companies have used industrial

food companies have these hards that fasts to save money when they produce instant moodles. Industrial fasts are of poorer quality and cheaper than fats intended for food production.

Prosecutors, who declined to be named in keeping with official prac-tice, say imported US fats and tallow intended to be used in making soap and

used to prepare noodles and other food.

The food companies claim the industrial tallow was purified to make

it edible and deny they did anything

The Ministry of Health and Social

Affairs said tests so far indicate the

if consumed. But the controversy

comes as consumer groups are rallying housewives to campaign for tougher food safety standards.

leading brands of instant noodles, for-cing supermarkets and shaps to pull the goods from their shelves. The scan-

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Sheikh Isa said Bahrain had enough natural gas to provide fuel for its smelter over the next 50 years. In the distant future, gas could be piped from neigh-Sheikh Isa said Alba could not

bouring states. He said more than 400 participants from 46 countries would attend the fourth Arab aluminium conference Bahrian November 14-16.

### House begins debate

Scrapping sales tax

TOKYO, Nov 8, (AP): Parliament's upper house began debate today on whether to scrap a 7-month-old sales tax whose unpopularity helped the opposition gain a majority in that house for the first time in 34 years. With elections to the more powerful lower house due by next summer at the latest, the governing Liberal Democratic Party has promised to revise the tax, and says the opposition has failed to offer a good alternative revenue source. Debate started with the opposition and governing parties' positions reversed. Opposition members were defending their sales tax abolition bills from the center of the chamber, where cabinet members usually sit, with liberal democrats challenging them from the upper deck.

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The reversal followed elections in July, when the liberal democrats lost their majority in the upper house for the first time since their party was formed in 1955. The 3 per cent sales tax, which took effect on April 1, was cited as a major factor, along with sex and money scandals involving the governing party. "The consumption tax is a large-scale indirect tax, which violates the (governing party's 1986) campaign promise, and was implemented forcefully without the consensus of the people," socialist party lawmaker Wataru Kobo

said in the debate's opening speech. "We must let the public's will, which was made clear in the upper house

elections, prevail," he said. Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, who replaced Sousuke Uno in August after the election setback, has said the government would review the tax and make revisions if it deemed them necessary. News reports have said possible revisions include eliminating the sales tax on groceries.

#### Cost of imports soars

### Trade deficit jumps

RABAT, Nov 8, (Reuter): Morocco's trade deficit grew more than 60 per cent in the first half of this year, denting a two-year economic boom and financial Officials blamed the poor economic performance largely on costlier oil and wheat imports, and the loss of a 500,000-tonne phosphoric acid contract with

According to official figures published today, the cost of imports soared 16.6 per cent compared to the first half of last year, up from 19 billion dirliams to 22 billions (\$2.26 to 2.6 billion).

Exports fell 4.6 per cent from 13.2 to 12.6 billion dirhams (\$1.6 to 1.5 billion), pushing up the trade deficit to 9.5 billion dirhams (\$1.13 billion) compared to 5.8 (\$700 million) in the same period last year.

Oil cost Morocco 28 per cent more and higher prices pushed the wheat import bill up 30 per cent. Last year phosphate exports, the mainstay of the economy, boomed, increasing 40 per cent over 1987 to swell Morocco's coffers by over 11 billion dirhams

In the first six months of 1989 phosphoric acid sales slumped by nearly 80 per cent, although phosphate rock exports grew seven per cent and fertilizers 23 per

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### Congress averts first government default

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (AP): The US Treasury said the government would resume borrowing today to avoid its first default ever following last-minute congressional action to raise the debt limit.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady had said the government would default on its debt for the first time in history on Thursday if Congress had not acted by midnight Tuesday (0500 GMT Wednesday).

But as midnight approached, the Senate by voice vote and the House

George Bush was expected to sign the bill into law later today.

Today's auction of \$16 billion in three-month and six-month bills will permit the government to redeem the

insulin production.

has passed parliament.

seriously jeopardised."

German court today blocked plans by major

chemical group Hoechst to produce genetically

engineered human insulin for the treatment of

Ruling in favour of a group of citizens which had

brought an action against the company, an adminis-

trative court in the state of Hesse said Hoechst must

immediately stop building on its test plant for the

allow the use of gene technology ... plants using genetic technology may not be constructed and operated regardless of the assessment of the danger

The Bonn government has been working on a law covering all aspects of the use of gene technology, but so far there are only draft laws and no legislation

"We view this whole matter with great concern,"

said Hoechst spokesman Dieter Brauer in an initial

reaction. "It means the future industrial use of

genetic engineering techniques in Wet Germany is

court's ruling before deciding on further action. He

said no appeal from Hoechst was possible in this

original application to build and operate the plant.

Brauer said Hoechst would wait to study the

Hoechst would have to wait for a decision on an

they pose in individual cases," the court said.

"As long as the parliament does not specifically

of Representatives by 269-99

approved raising the debt limit from \$2.8 trillion to \$3.1 trillion. President

\$13.8 billion in Treasury bills that mature on Thursday.

The Treasury also announced rescheduling of its quarterly refunding. It will offer \$10 billion in three-year notes on Thursday, \$10 billion in 10-year notes next Monday and \$10 billion in 30-year bonds next Tues-

In addition, the Treasury said it would offer \$10 billion in 36-day cash management bills on Friday.

The Treasury, anticipating congressional action, announced yesterday it planned to hold its weekly three-month and six-month bill auction next Monday. Government borrowing authority dropped on Oct 31 from \$2.87 trillion to 2.8 trillion, forcing the Treasury to postpone further borrowing because its debt sur-

Human insulin for the treatment of diabetes

Gene technology plans blocked

KASSEL, West Germany, Nov 8, (Reuter): A West That case is expected to come to court sometime next

year, he said.

passed the lower level and threaten-ing Thursday's default.

Besides postponing the auctions. the delay in raising the debt limit forced the Treasury to suspend sale of US savings bonds and the special securities for state and local governments, the temporary investment vehicles for money those governments raise in the bond market.

Robert D. Reischauer, director of the Congressional Budget Office, issued a report this week saying a default of only a few days could permanently raise Treasury borrows costs, push up US interest rates and drop the value of the dollar.

could be a significant shock to the economy," Reischauer wrote.

In July 1988 Hoechst obtained an injunction allowing it to build the plant while an original

An appeal against the injunction by the citizen's

Brauer said Hoechst had so far spent some 60

million marks (\$32.5 million) on research and con-

struction of the plant. Construction was not yet

completed and no industrial-scale tests of insulin

production had yet been made. Total costs would

exceed 150 million marks (\$80 million) by the time a

Unlike chemical companies Bayer and Basf,

Brauer said it was too early to say whether the

Fierce public opposition to genetic engineering

which have already decided to move some genetic

research facilities overseas, Hoechst has said it plans

court's latest ruling would prompt Hoechst to

and slow licensing procedure have discouraged

most firms from pursuing genetic research and

group, Action Alliance Against Gene Technology Hoechst, was rejected in November 1988. The group

then went to a higher court, resulting in today's

application, which will address the basic issues

involved in genetic engineering, remained stalled.

The national debt is the accumulation of all the deficits created over the years by the federal government spending more money than it takes in. Raising the debt limit does not mandate spending more money, but simply gives the Treasury authority to borrow to pay bills.

The national debt has more than

tripled since the beginning of the decade due to the huge budget deficits of former President Ronald Reagan's administration. The Treasury has been forced to borrow more and more money to finance tax receipts.

The annual deficits have gone down from their peak of over \$200 billion a year, but the deficit still totalled \$152.1 billion in the year ending last Sept 30.

### New layoffs planned

NEW YORK, Nov 8, (Reuter): Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. one of the largest US brokerage companies, said yesterday it would lay off several hundred workers over the next few weeks because of a recent slowdown in stock market

A memo circulated to Shearson employees on Monday said the cutback would mainly affect New York City employees and reflected the downturn in

Industry sources estimated that about 800 Shearson employees would receive layoff notices. Shearson's work force world-wide totals about 38,500.

Shearson's investment banking revenues were sharply lower in the third quarter of the year, reflecting a slump in corporate underwriting and slower merger and acquisition activity.

The recession that has hit Wall Street is a far cry from the heyday of the raging bull market just a few years ago when money flowed like water and brokerage firms bired with abandon.

Wall Street changed greatly in the 1980s, going from miserly, closely held partnerships to major multinational corporations. The 1987 crash brought the go-go days on Wall Street to a halt and sent brokerages in search of revenue. Wall Street then found it could make money by advising clients on takeovers and even started buying companies with its own money as it expanded into merchant banking. But now, the takeover boom may be coming to a close.

A source said the Shearson layoffs were not likely to have a significant

# Supermarkets have removed other products suspected of being trained with the imported fats, including margarine, cooking oil and shortening.

#### Slowdown in market activity

activity.

The cuts would be the largest since the layoffs that followed the October 1987 New York market crash.

market activity.

Shearson, like other brokerages, is expected to report a lower trading profit for the fourth quarter in light of the slowdown in market activity.

Other brokerages may take Shearson's lead in cutting back staff as the October 13 market plunge and subsequent market volatility have sidelined many investors and put pressure on takeover stocks.

Most brokerges began tightening their operations after the October 1987 crash, when an estimated 17,000 employees were laid off. Thousands more are expected to lose their jobs soon due to the current market slowdown.

### Air-India searching for a new slot in the aviation world

decision was finally made.

to stay in West Germany.

change its mind.

production here.

THE old Air-India, which the country has known and grown comfortable with for decades, it is getting ready to fly off into the sunset. In its place is an airline that is searching for a new slot in the aviation world. Savs Rajan Jetley, the managing director of Air-lndia, "This is our public statement that things are changing."

It is a giant operation by any yardstick. Over the next two years, Air-India will spend \$35 million to do up its aeroplanes. One by one, the aircraft will all be painted up in the new colours; their interiors will be ripped out and refitted. In a few months time, the crews will get completely new uniforms in keeping with the airline's new image and, one by one, its offices all over the world will be redecorated to incorporate the changes that will have taken place. Baggage tags, ticket wallets, lounges, everything will be part of the

Air-India isn't trying to pull off the job overnight. Each move has been meticulously planned to fit the airline's tightly-packed schedules. Rajendra Chola became the first to get the \$3 million facelift and fly the new colours because, as the oldest plane in the fleet, it was also due for a major structural

For Jetley it is a personal victory of sorts.

pioned the line that Air-India can be turned back into a world class airline that it once was. To do that, it needed to break the image of being mainly an ethnic carrier that depended on the Indian diaspora-especially in the Middle East — for its profits.

This was one quick way of telling the world that Air-India is changing. Also, it would take Air-India in the direction that other airlines of the world have been moving towards. Says Jetley: "All the time, it was aimed towards the ethnic passenger. The shift is basically from an overtly ethnic airline to something more broadbased in its appeal, attracting both the ethnic and the non-ethnic passengers."

. What Air-India is aiming for becomes clear from a glimpse at the new interiors of the aircraft. This is the next look of the '90s. Air-India is consciously jettisoning the baggage of the past and the touch of ethnicity that have always been the airline's stock-in-trade. Out go the Rajasthani Jharoka motifs that decorated the side-panels and other hard surfaces of the plane. In their place come studiedly neutral colours and light pastel shades that are carefully calculated to appeal to the global yuppie of the '90s. Says Jetley:
"All these years, Air-India had an image that was largely ethnic-based. The new corporate

image will change all that."

The biggest thrust has been to spruce up the first and business classes of the airline. The first and business classes of the airline. The business class has been renamed the Sun Executive Class. First class passengers will get kid glove treatment, and Air-India is trying to make place for itself amongst the leaders in the industry. Both first class and Sun Executive Class passengers will be served meals on crisp white damask linen carrying the airline's colours; first class passengers will be served in royal Doulton chinaware. The wines, ne royal Doulton chinaware. Thewines, needless to say, are amongst the best in the world, and the list has been drawn up by Steigenberger, which is also preparing the menus for Air-India's continental cuisine.

If the changes show a sophistication and an attention to detail that Air-India has never achieved before, it is not surprising. This time, the airline has abandoned its inhibitions and gone straight to one of the best firms in the world to carry out its re-design. Landor Associates, a San Francisco-based company. has already earned a formidable reputation for itself in the aviation world. It has under-taken the re-design for three of the world's major airlines: it was the architect behind the highly successful British Airways revamo and has also done similar jobs for Singapore Airlines and Japan Airlines. Says Jetley: "Landor is the number one in the airline world. That is why we went to them."

And Landor has certainly gone over the airline with a fine toothcomb, seeing what was necessary, and making sure that all the changes synchronised. For Indian passengers, who are famous for travelling with extra-heavy loads, there are new, larger "superbins" for storing luggage, both in the economy and In fact, practically every inch of the aero-

planes has been re-designed. In the first and business classes, the seats have been re-desigbusiness casses, the seats have been the teasigned. Even the economy class is getting new seats made by a French firm. Custom-made fabrics Air-India has also been bringing in a number of other changes over the last few months, to synchronise with the eventual re-

It has even turned its attention, for the first time, to the line touches that are needed to make an impact in the harsh, competitive world of international aviation, and give it international appeal once again. Starting on November I. one audio channel will have exclusively Japanese music. That isn't all. Air-India is going to great

lengths to keep all segments of its clientele

satisfied. On the India-Japan sector which Air-India obviously believes has great poten-tial English movies will be dubbed in Japan-

Air-India is hoping that the re-design will make international travellers sit up and take notice of the fact that it has been making lots of changes over the last one year. The most crucial change was, of course, persuading the pilots that they had to fall in line with the rest of the world and fly non-stop to Europe. That was the first move towards attracting business and first class travellers. Says Jetley. "The focal point under the new image will be the international clientele. Hence the attention on comforts, food, beverages and inflight enter-

up, firstly, in Air-India's bottom line, which is apparently set to look good this year. The airline is also getting ready to capitalise on its new image by buying more planes next year.

Will the cosmetic surgery do its bit to bolster Air-India's down-in-the-dumps image? The world of aviation has seen some dramatic turnarounds in the last decade. There was British Airways which went in for a re-design

and then emerged as one of the bright new stars of the '80s.

Whether it succeeds or not is going to show

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Marco performing the vanishing trick at the Arab Times



From left Marco's assistants Frank Fernandes, Celine Fernandes, Wilma Noronha, Marco and John Fernandes

# Marco the Magician now in Kuwait

By Peter D'Souza Areb Times staff

MARCO the Magician arrived in Kuwait yesterday to perform the first magic show here. To the best of our knowledge no live magic show was ever held in Kuwait before and Marco intends to perform 68 magical acts at the Granada Cinema on Thursday and Friday,

Speaking to the Arab Times, Marco said that he would make tables, chairs and other objects fly, suspend a girl in the air and make things

Demonstrating his vanishing trick at the Arab Times, Marco put a

burning eigerette on a handkerchief and made it disappear. Merco was so quick in his act that even our photographer could not catch the sleight of hand. Merco had to do the trick thrice so that a photograph

Marco says that every two years he adds new tricks to his show and what he will be showing in Kuwait are his latest,

He disclaims that he has supernatural powers or uses black magic in his tricks. "Anything that is done by magicians beyond tricks is

Marco's four assistants Wilma Noronha, Celine Fernandes, Frank Fernandes and John Fernandes will take various parts in the show. Marco is the president of the Goa Club of Magicians of which he is the founder member. Although there are about 16 professional magicians in Goa none of them have come forward to improve and develop the art of magic, he says. He plans to start a school soon for developing magical arts.

The magician is planning to go to the United States shortly, but after the show in Kuwait, he will take his show to Bahrain and Dubai. The magic show is being organised by the Expatriate Club.

Fahaheel Open

#### Dharam Shatru Rangeen Arun Kiron Mala The Rescue Grasada Hall booked Salaihikhat Funny Farm Jeeb Hathyaar Ahmadi Drive-in

The charity scheme of

U.M.O. by extending financial assistance to the needy and brilliant students of home state

will be launched on this

occasion. The entry for the

programme is open to all.

The finalists of fancy dress

competitions, prize winners of

various competitions are

requested to report at 6.00 pm

OFFICERS and the band of

the visiting Indian Navy Ship will be at the Indian Arts Circle

on Friday the 10th November

the Navy Band will be playing at the IAC for the school chil-

dren of all the Indian schools in

Kuwait. There will be an enter-

tainment programme in hon-

our of the visitors by IAC from

11.45 am to 12.45 pm. These

programmes are open to all the

members and their guests and

school children with their

Thereafter, IAC will be host-

ing a lunch for the visiting officers and the band of the

Indian Navy. Admission for

the lunch will be restricted with

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for them and their guests from

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Indian Arts Circle

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### Calculator

public twice on November 10. The first meeting will be held at 10:00 am and the second 6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn. Devi will demonstrate her

incredible gift and challenge anybody who dares! Previously, she has been touring the Gulf region and is heading for London and the USA after Kuwait.

books about mathematics for both adults and children. She also gives workshop sessions to anybody above 12 years old, which demonstrate who to improve memory and calcula-

Entry passes will be available at the Holiday Inn on November 10, 1989. For more information please call 5621239, 9034026 (Mahmoud) or Hijja Wi 2405904/5. School children above 12 should attend.



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 Ail entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwalkh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be

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She has published numerous

tion skills.

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### TELEVISION PROGRAMME

#### KTV 1

- 9.00 The Opening and Holy
- Quran 9.15 Sabah Al Kher News
- and Variety 9.30 Cartoons

1.00 News Summary 1.05 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
1.30 Sports in a Week:

Sports Programme,

prepared and presen-ted by Sports

Programmes Control

3.30 Liqa Al Khamees:

Variety Programme
5.00 Alice in Wonderland:
Cartoon serial

5.45 Night Chemists.

Advertisements

6.00 Al Islam Hadhara:

(part 5) 7.00 Egypt Information

7.15 Al Foroosiya: Local

7.45 Kul Al Foncon; Local

by Hasan Awara 8.30 Maa Al Islam: Religious Programme,

9.15 Tareq min Al Sama: Arabic Serial (part 5)

10.45 Bint Min Thahab:

Layla Fihmi

1.30 The World Today via

2.00 Holy Quran and

9.00 The Opening and Holy

10.00 Magazine D'Actualite

(repetition)
10.15 Children's Magazine:

Programme 10.30 Al Ahadeeth Al Maw-

Abu <u>Ismael</u>

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1.00 News Summary

1.05 The World Today via

1.30 Friday Break: Variety

3.15 Daqqat Al Saa: Arabic

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Al Sharawi

5.00 Alice in Wonderland:

Cartoon serial

5.45 Night Chemists,

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6.00 Kuwait Television

6.30 Kuwait in a Week:

News Programme

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Programme, presented by Sheikh Salah

Mosque for the Friday

Prayer and Speeches Alwan: Variety

Programme, prepared

by Mohammed Al

Fares and presented

by Fatema Abdul

Religious

11.30 Special Variety

Satellite

FRIDAY

1.25 News Summary

Closedown

Quran Cartoons

9.00 News in Arabic

Programme

Kuwait

Airlines and official

Religious Programme

Message to the State of

Programme, prepared

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Arabic Feature Film,

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- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite 9.00 News in Arabic (repetition) 10.15 Rejal Fi Al Masyada:
  - 9.45 Wrestling 10.30 Dafater Al Ayam: Late Arabic Serial (part 3), night Programme with guest Dr Aesha Abdul Rahstarring Farouq Al Fishawi, Hala Fuad, man, prepared by Sameer Sarhan Sahar Rami and Mahmoud Al Qalaswi
- 11.15 The Open University: 11.30 News in Summary Cultural Programme 12.00 Sabah Al Kher News 11.35 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.00 Holy Quran and Closedown and Variety 12.15 Hewar Wa Nagham: Local Programme, prepared by Qasem Abdul Qader

#### KTV2

6.00 Opening Announce-ment & Holy Quran 6.10 Fantastic Max. A car-

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Programme: Local Programme 7.45 Silk Road: Cultural

Religious programme, presented by Ali Al

Programme (part 5) 8.40 Hadeeth Al Osboo:

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- toon series for children 6.30 Mr. Wizard's World. A variety of magical illusions.
- 7.00 Wild "Growing Up Wild" A man takes his child to acquaint him with wild life.
- 7.30 My Secret Identity.
  "Only Hurts For
  Awhile" Andrew
  encounters certain problems with one of his school mates. His teacher advises him to use logic and wisdom instead of his secret
- powers... 8.00 News in English 8.30 Treasure Island In Outer Space. 9.30 Just for the Record. An
- exciting and entertaining programme on record breaking achievements from the tremendous to the trival.
- 10.00 Annie McGuire. "The Journey" An old woman who is Annie's best friend, on the verge of death from a heart attack,...asks Annie to find her old friend whom she did't see for a long period of
- 10.30 Police Story: The People Across The Lake.
- 12.00 News in Brief 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

### FRIDAY

- 6.00 Opening Announce-ment & Holy Quran 6.10 Macron 1. A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Walt Disney. Movie. The Horse In The Grey Flannel Suit. A girl loves horses very much and requests her father to present her a horse on the occasion

of her birthday...

- 8.00 News in English 8.30 Breaking Away. Recreational and entertainment activi-
- 8.45 The Yellow River. "The Nomads" The team explores the central industrial areas of China and cross the Great Wall where the team meets nomads and becomes acquainted with the traditions
- and customs... The Weekend 9.30 The Programme. A weekly local programme on various topics and
- local activities.

  10.00 Roseanne. "Lovers
  Lance" The family spends the night at a bowling hall. Jackie expects to meet her
- boss, Mr Poker.. 10.30 UNSAB; And They Swam Right Over The Dam. A husband and
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Ahmadi urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm. Wilfy nite

We regret to announce that due to unforseen circumstances the Konkani Musical Show Wilfy Nite scheduled for Friday, Nov 10 has been postponed. The next date for the show will be announced shortly in this column.

Jazz Night NOV 29: In response to overmidnight. Phone: 5640981.

The embassy will remain closed on Thursday, 9th Nov on account of Iqbal Day, and will re-open as usual on 11th Nov, 1989.

**Tribute to Hemant Kumar** IN FOND rememberance of Hemant Kumar the Indian Arts Circle, in association with Bengali Cultural Society, is arranging a musical evening at the IAC auditorium on Nov 16, 1989 at 8 pm. On this solemn occasion leading singers of Kuwait will pay tribute to Hemant Kumar by rendering his song.

Bharat Meia

from 6.00 pm. The Indian Ambassador

expatriate Indians.

welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry

Planist wanted KUWAIT Little Theatre —

whelming demand, once again Phil Thomas and the "High Spirits" will be extending their "Jazzical" repertoire for your enjoyment. From 8pm to 12 **Embassy of Pakistan** 

Free entry passes will be available from the IAC office. For details contact 5621379, 2644863 or IAC 3904817.

THE final and concluding function of Bharat Mela '89, a month long celebrations launched by U.M.O. in connection with the birth centenary celebrations of Pt. Jawaharial Nehru, will be conducted on 9th Nov. 1989 at Sharq Cooperative Auditorium, starting

H.E. A.K. Budhiraja will be the guest of honour of the evening. Smt. A.K. Budhiraja will distribute the prizes for various winners of competitions held in this connection. Variety entertainment programme will be staged in this occasion. The entertainment programme consists of dances, one act play, mimicry and other stage shows, participated by talented





#### Narthana's Anarkali

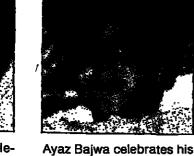
As a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkall" ballet at IAC hall on Nov 9. The popular historical story which took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted, passes available at Tel: 4337608/ 2425131/3904817/ 2461589/5643126...

Dot-to-dot

### Happy Hirtiday



Shehryar Bajwa celebrates his 2nd birthday today November 9. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.



4th birthday today November 9. Happy birthday from family and

Ayaz is a LKG student in Sialkot, Pakistan.



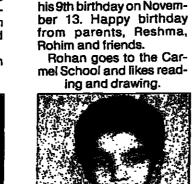
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Sanjana goes to the Carmel School and likes read-



and friends.

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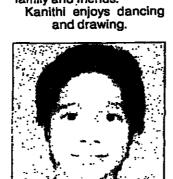
Rohan D'Silva celebrates

Naser Salman celebrates his birthday on November 10. Happy birthday from family and parents, friends.

Naser goes to Nursery School and likes playing.



Kanithi Surekha celebrated her 8th birthday on November 6. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.



Mohammed Khan celebrates his birthday on November 11. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

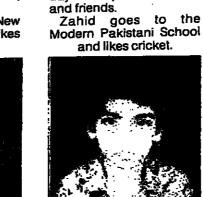
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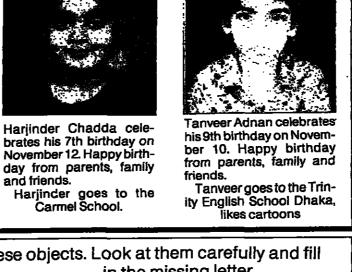


Mercy Sayegh celebrated her 11th birthday on November 5. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family

Mercy goes to the New English School and likes reading

and friends.





Zahid Mahmoud cele-

brates his 17th birthday on

November 12. Happy birth-

day from parents, family



Put an X on the big dog.



Hiba Kazi celebrates her

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Hiba goes to the New

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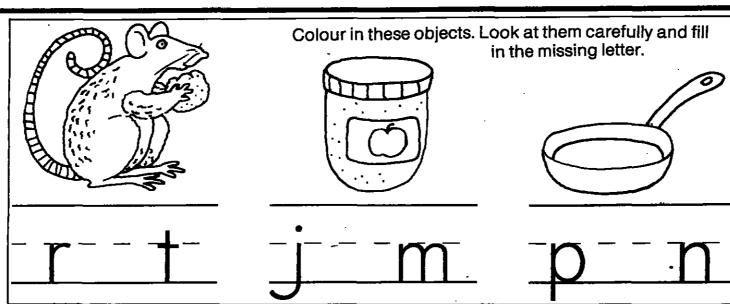
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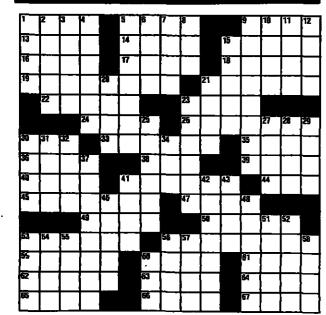
Rahul celebrated his first birthday recently. Belated greetings from parents. Rahul is the grandson of a Puniabi Poet, Kidarnath Kidar. His relatives hope he will follow his grandfather's footsteps of fame



Arun celebrates his 3rd birthday on November 13. Happy birthday from mummy and daddy. Arun . likes playing with toys.



### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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#### **GOREN BRIDGE**

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Few people we know wrote funnier bridge articles than the late Frank Vine. The Bridge World has just back, 48 pp., \$4 plus \$1 for postage Down three. and handling from the magazine, 39 "On a space

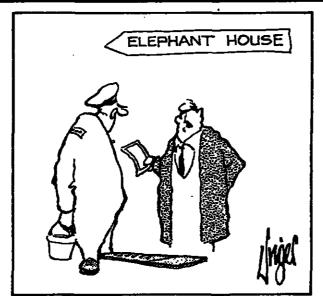
'A bit of undisciplined bidding and you are in a contract that is at

best touch-and-go-and an opponent leads out of turn. Is this heaven coming down on your side? Not on your life ... You are about to be visited by a catastrophe. "The reason is mathematical. With the multitude of choices offered (e.g, accept the lead, bar it,

penalty card, etc.) you are bound to be wrong more often than right. Nevertheless, the record of Elijah Grapefruit, set in 1954, of having guessed wrong 98 times in one year seemed destined to last forever ... It was indeed a thrill to see Grapefruit's hallowed record fall this year before the determined onslaught of Minnie Mincemeat of Dustville, Colo ... This was the deal.

"East led the eight of spades out of turn. Minnie considered her two apparent spade losers, and naturally barred the lead of the suit. West produced a small club. Ruff by East, diamond back; another club, published a collection of his articles another ruff; a diamond back, (The Best of Frank Vine, Paper- ruffed; a third club, a third ruff.

"On a spade lead, declarer makes West 94th St., New York, N.Y. either five or six, depending on the 10025). At a cost of about 10 cents guess in diamonds. To Minnie per page, it's a small price to pay for Mincemeat, we proudly present the laughter! This hand is from an arti-first 'With You for a Partner, Who cle entitled "The Annual Bridge Needs Enemies" Award."



"They've decided it was a job-related accident."

### THE WIZARD OF ID







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EVERY OTHER MONTH I HAVE TO TREAT MY DOG FOR WORMS! WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IS WRONG?



HOW MUCH TIME DOES HE SPEND DOWN AT THE BAIT SHOP?

#### YOUR STARS



Do not expect more than you are

prepared to give in return. You will have lots of energy but are inclined to dissipate it. You will be remin-ded of a promise you have made and you should keep it. Be tolerant,



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

The solution to a problem that has bothering is close to hand. If you persist in telling others what to do it will only lead to resentment. Try to change some bad habits before it is too late to do so. Be



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should seek to control a certain degree of nervousness. Concern yourself more with practical than with theoretical matters. Do not take everything quite so seriously. Be realistic.

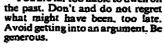


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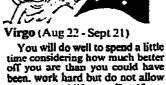
Circumstances will be more favourable but you could well be your own worst enemy. Do not rely on guesswork and do not act on the spur of the moment. Leave as little as possible over for another day. Be



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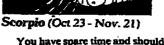
your personal life to suffer. If you

try to do too many things all at once you will fail. Be objective.



By trial and error you will find the right answer, but it will take rather a long time. Spending a little time tiding up will save a lot of time looking for things. Do not think you are always right, other always wrong. Be less extravagant.

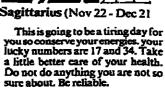


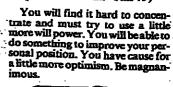


try to make the best possible use of what you have. Do not allow your emotions to run away with you.

-Make sure you do not exceed safe limits. Be fair.





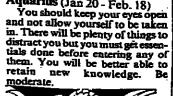


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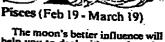
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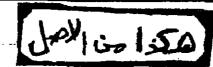








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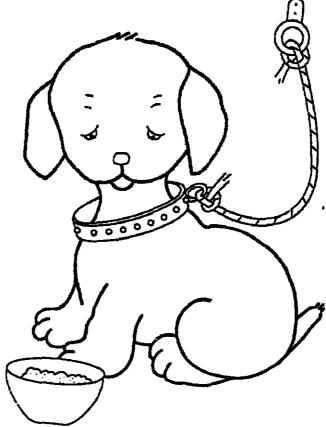
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### **Amazing facts**

June 17th was the first day in the life of King John III of Poland; it was also the day on which he was married, was crowned and

The first edition of the gospels written in the language of the Eskimo was published in 1744.

The famous Hollywood actress. Judy Garland, was first called Francis Gumm but she changed her name to a more glamorous one when she began acting.

Dapline is a type of flowering shrub called laurel. It first got its name from a beautiful girl in Greek mythology, Dapline, who was chased by the god Apollo who had fallen in love with her. To escape from him she was turned into a tree. Daphne was often used from then on as the leaves which made up a victory crown.

The material nylon was first called that because it was developed in both London and New York at the same time. So it was called NY (New York) LON (London).

In 1898, fourteen years before the sinking of the SS Titanic, the novelist Morgan Robertson wrote a book that predicted the disaster with frightening accuracy. The liner he created in his story was the same size as the Titanic, held the same number of passengers and, like the Titunic, failed to provide enough safety equipment for them all. In Robertson's story the ship hits an iceberg in the North Atlantic and sinks in much the same area as that in which the Titanic was to go down in 1912. Perhaps the greatest coincidence is that the name of the imaginary ship in Morgan Robertson's book was the Titan.

QueenElizabeth I formed a position of office called 'The Official Uncorker of Sea-Bottles' after a bottle containing an offical secret was washed p in Cornwall.

A hunter on the island of Novaya Sibir, in Siberia, first started a fire in 1951 that is still burning today. This is because the island has a lot of coal deposits on the surface.

In his last will and testament the famous writer and comic satirist Rabelais wrote: I have noting. I owe much. The rest I leave to the

Put a candle on the cupcake. Colour the candle yellow and the cupcake light brown.



Draw another glove to match this one. Colour the gloves red.



### **Birthday coupon**

is your birthday to come soon? Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times? Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday!

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### **Our Maria**

By Julie Hodgson

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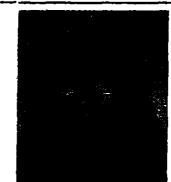
Maria started washing up the pots, when all of a sudden she heard a scream from one of the bedrooms. Maria ran up the stairs, to find out what was wrong, she found the lady lying on the bed, she was having the baby. Maria phoned for the doctor, and went back downstairs for hot waterwould be as fast as he

could.
Maria went back upstairs, and made the lady as comfortable as she could, in the circumstances.

All her other children were at school, so there were no worries just yet, and any way three boys could surely look after themselves for a while at lunch time.

The man of the house, Mr Karim was at work, and could not be contacted. So Maria set about to help deliver the child.

Four hours later, the children came home from school, for lunch, so Maria made them some sandwiches, and went straight back upstairs. The doctor had phoned the house and told Maria there had been arremergency at the hospital, and he could not make



it just yet, he would come

when he could. Maria held the lady's hand, until she was ready to give birth. Then gently bought a tiny little girl in to the world, cut the cord, and handed it to the mother. All the lady could say was "it's a girl, it's a girl" she

was crying. When Maria asked what name she was going to call her. The lady just said. Why I'm calling her Maria of course". And

What do you get if you they both laughed, and CTOSS... stared down at the baby. —a cat and an octagon?

An octopus. -a mink and a kangaroo? A fur coat with very large pockets.

> - a bear and a skunk? Winnie the Pooh.

Just for laughs!

**Story Sense** 

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Look at the large pictures below. Colour the small picture

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that shows what is more likely to happen next.

- a giraffe and a hedge-

An eight-foot toothbrush. - a baby goat and a hedgehog?

A stuck-up kid.

—a bee and a skunk? Something that stings and stinks at the same time.

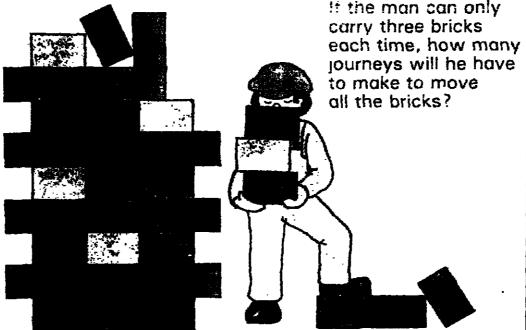
parrot?

A walkie-talkie.

-the white of an egg and a pound of gunpowder? A boom-meringue.

Finish

- a centipede and a



Can you get from start to finish by visiting every white square, moving either up, down or across, but not



MARIA got of the bus and headed for her place of work. She worked as a maid, in a big house just outside town. Everyone loved Maria, she was so kind to everyone, she had been there for ten years, so she was practically part of the family. The lady of the house was expecting their fourth child, and all were had only a matter of days

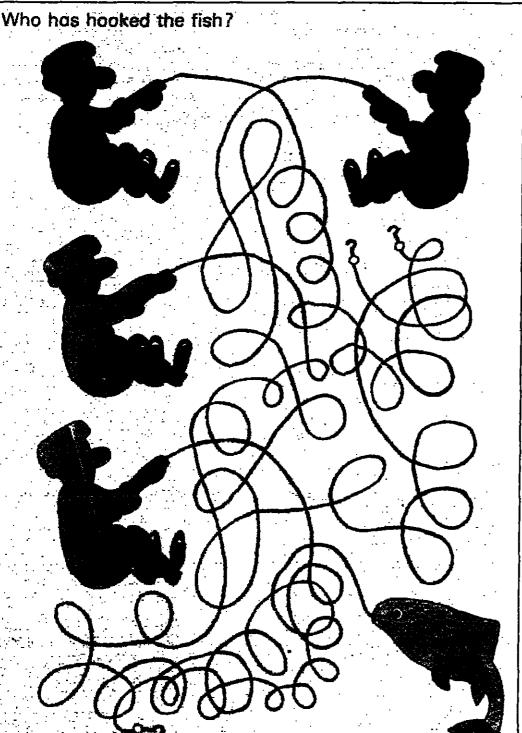
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Dear Junior Readers, It seems as if it may be a wet winter this year. I

is not found in tap water. However, this certainly does not imply that if it begins to rain you can sit outside under the natural showers and sook yourselves! It may seem very enjoyable but it is extremely dangerous. When wet clothes cling to you they act as a cold and direct

cold wind supply to your chest, the most sensitive part of your body. The coolness often feels refreshing, especially during this period of the year when hope so, because the ground could do with a lot of the air still carries the summer heat. The damage it nourishment. Rain water is full of goodness which does, however, is disastrous. Such behaviour may result in anything from a bad cold and sore throat to God forbid, pneumonia.

If you are unfortunate enough to get caught in a sudden outburst, make sure you change into warm, dry clothes as soon as possible.



U2 carries the day, Bono carries

### U2's new video: 'Rattle and Hum'

THE ban on Paramount movies being lifted means the Video Club is now able to release one of the best music videos of the year, namely U2's Rattle and Hum.

U2 is one of those select few bands that sound as good, if not better, on stage as they do on record. Now widely acclaimed as the best group in the world their concerts are as electrifying as anything in rock, with a strong undertow of something that seems to have become unfashionable in the 80's moral passion. U2's songs are about spiritual search, and conscience and commitment, and it follows that some of the band's most memorable performance - and not incidentally, the ones that have helped U2 break through to an even wider audience - have been in the service of good cause, at Live-Aid or during the 1987 tour of Amnesty International. This is a band that believes rock music has moral imperatives and social responsibilities.

Rattle and Hum is a film that deals with the second phase of U2's career. The songs featured are mostly taken off their last two albums. Their earlier songs from the first three albums have already been captured on film on the previous 'live under a blood red sky' video. (ALso available at than 20 of the best U2 songs, most of them live in concert plus interviews and conversations with the band members.

On stage, the group projects a magical intensity, that holds the viewers in a trance-like state. Drummer Larry Mullen Jr and bassist Adam Clayton have found some solid musical grounding and guitarist, The Edge, can work a riff around to an epiphany. It is on singer, Bano, however, that all eye stay fixed. U2 carries the day, but he carries the show. Bono stalks a song as much as he sings it, and the moment he talks the stage there is no doubt. What his terms are: unconditional surrender, and that's what he gets from his

U2 have proved that they are a band that can only get better in time. The video is subtle and powerful, elusive and direct and reveals the band at their brilliant

By Johnson Gilbert Music Videos available at The Video Club, Salmiya Tel: 5724372

# Saudi Arabian artist breaks all conventions

### Abstract art is Faisal Samra's forte

By Fathima Ahmed **Arab Times Staff** 

SAUDI Arabian artist Faisal Samra was once asked how long it takes to complete a painting. He replied: "Thirty-four years, three months, three days, two minutes and two seconds." At 34, he has broken all conventions to "open a dialogue" with nature in a medium that is understood by only a few. Abstract art is his

It evolved from charcoal graffiti on the walls of his ancestral home in Riyadh. As a child, he drew charcoal drawings, inspired by the reptile's slithery trail on the sand; flying paper in the desert winds and the vast space of the desert. He saw rhythm and poetry in sandstorms or footprints in the sand and music in ocean waves. In tune with nature, he was bent upon breaking rules. Faisal went berserk with.

colours — painting bloated; women in blue abayas and men in similar bishts. Saudi critics were shocked. So was the public.

"Why can't I innovate, try out new ideas, and colours?" he asked. And he did. He dabbled in several art forms — figurative, expressionist and cubist, and soon tired of all. "I was bored; I can't repeat

myself because someone likes a particular style. I must 



Faisal Samra

Islamic design and calligraphy to convey rhythmic movement, creating some lyrical works of art through the Arabic alphabet, and put on a show entitled, "Plastic Chemistry of Calligraphy." The chemistry between this form of art and the artist The chemistry between worked wonderfully, creating quite a stir among art lovers in the Arab world. But symbolism restrained

creativity and he switched to abstracts. He is now playing with "space and colour," like a child does with a newfound toy. Faisal has freed himself from bonds of traditional art in the

new identity; perhaps I can find it in contemporary art," he muses. Abstracts are what he has his heart set on now. Not a conventionalist, he uses natural ingredients to splash colours on canvases. Eggs, henna and char-coal for the base shades. They

Samra playing with colours.

Arab world. "I'm looking for a

suit his pensive mood.

He deplores constraints.
Why should I confine myself? he asks, and pauses reflectively and says: "I don't like mono-tony; I don't want to do something because others want me to

He experiments, using forms,

shapes, colours and lines, to make unusual canvases, blending several techniques. They look like sculptures, carved into different shapes, splashed with extraordinary colours — mossy. leafy greens, burnt brick, browns and bronzes, contrasted with a tinge of shocking colours like topaz, orange, red or sunny hues. They are stunning.

What do they mean? The question surprises him. "It's a terrible to the street of t

question," he states, nodding his head in dismay. He looks uncomfortable, but explains, anyway. 'It means what you see timelessness, mobility, lines and textures and space.... it's a visual

why do you look for symbols?
he asks. "One must derive pleasure from seeing colours, shapes and lines—enjoy the harmony of colour."

The discerning Arab art lover.

The discerning Arab art lover appreciates his work; others simply don't fathom the deep-rooted philosophy that the artist expresses. Faisal blames this on the lack of a visual culture in the Arab world, criticising at " stick to "one formula."

"I can't paint camels, coffee shops and tents. That is part of my heritage—but I am living my heritage now.

"Most people don't under-stand that the phase of literal and symbolic representation in art belongs to a bygone era, he

Faisal believes that art, like everything else, has found a new lariguage — abstract art, which

lariguage — abstract art, which speaks through the eyes.

"If we don't explore new ideas, and try them out, we'll be like monkeys — imitating anyone who succeeds," he says.

He wants to change the art scene. "We must wake them up.

and shift their attention to various art forms; we must do

something," he says.

If you point out that people don't understand modern art, he says: "They will, one day, when the void between art and people is filled." And with it, will come

recognition and wealth.
"These are an added incentive... a bonus, perhaps," he says. He has liberated his art — and himself — breaking free.

For the moment, he is contented to be known as an artist with an eye for the offbeat, without becoming a slave to the opinion of others. To visualise his dreams, he moved to the home of art - Paris. For a living, heg works for the Arab World Institute as a researcher.

Ask him what his ambition is and he retorts: "Isn't art — pain-ting — and the urge to continue enough?"

And, so, armed with a bag of courage and honesty, he looks around him to absorb, and understand, that which is but as mere speck in the dust for most of:

### Stage in 3 Penny Opera

### Sting puts a little zing

**B**RITISH-born rock star Sting is making his stage debut in "3 Penny Opera" but he puts little zing into the sinister role of Mack the Knife. The revival of the Kurt Weill-Bertold Brecht

work on Broadway last weekend turned out to be a tepid affair with an awkward new translation by Michael Feingold. The price of tepidity comes high - \$55 top for a ticket.

It is hard to believe that this is the same "3 Penny

Opera" that was one of off-Broadway's longest running hits in the form of Marc Blitzstein's Bowdlerized adaptation which occupied The Theatre De Lys from 1954 through 1961.

Feingold and director John Dexter, who was responsible for the fine production of Weill's... "Mahagomy" at the metropolitan opera, have tried to hew as closely as possible to the original 1928 Berlin production. The original sequence of songs is is sung by the character who sang it originally.

Feingold has put the original scatology back into Brecht's lyrics quite effectively. But much of his translation tries too hard at eleverness and fails at times to get the musical cadence of the speech-song used by Weill to underscore the searing message of this socialist-oriented work based on John Gay's 18th century "Beggar's Opera".

What can you say of lyrics such as "no wonder we're unhappy/the whole thing's so crappy" and others that make silly allusions to the Hansel and Gretel legend?

"3 Penny Opera" failed to find an audience when it was first performed on Broadway in 1933. Its second Broadway production by the New York Shakespeare Festival in 1976, with Raul Julia as Mack, was something of a hit. Julia got deeper into the Macheath role than Sting, whose characterisa-tion never even hints that he is a man is capable of murder, rape, and robbery.

The rock star tries hard, making a self-conscious attempt at the broad, unnatural acting style that is suited to this grotesque parody of capitalistapproved grand opera. He even clambers around his Old Bailey prison cage in the best tradition of Mikhail Baryshnikov in "Metamorphosis" and tries to tango without much success in the "Pimp's Ballad" number.

Unfortunately the only thing that ever crosses Sting's blandly handsome face is a look of smugness that does not go far in suggesting personality. Sting simply doesn't have a stage persona or is successful in hiding behind his moustache.

He does sing well and his enunciation is excellent, but his voice is not a musical one and never comes near the savage tone of Weill's score.

Popular singer Maureen McGovern was set to play opposite him as Polly Peacham, the daughter of the king and queen of beggars who willingly becomes Mack's bride although she should know

But McGovern dropped out of the cast indefinitely (and perhaps prudently) before the opening because of a bad throat. She is replaced by her

understudy, Nancy Ringham.

Pretty blonde Ringham makes a peachy polly but she overdoes the ingenue instead of developing her character as Mack's increasingly sharp helpmate, ready to take command of his band of thieves while he is on the lam. She has a lovely, tilting voice best displayed in the "Pirate Jenny" song.

al comedy sta Weill specialist Alvin Epstein, playing the roles of Polly's unprincipled parents, do their best to give the show what style it has. Brown does a rich, ripe turn as a blowsy cynic who has seen it all and epstein bubbles with righteousness as the dapper entrepreneur who takes a hefty cut of his beggar brigade's

Another tower of strength in a show that needs all the towers it can get is Ethyl Eichelberger as the besotted ballad singer who opens the opera with "The Ballad of Mack the Knife," the only memorable song in the work.

Josh Mostel, Zero's son, is excellent in the role of Matt the Mint, one of Mack's lieutenants, and Suzzanne Douglas has her innings as Jenny Diver, the whore who betrays Mack not once, but several

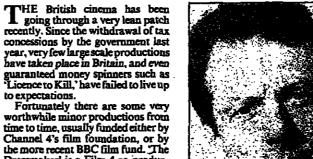
Kim Criswell goes her own way as Lucy, another conquest of Mack's, in a campy vein that does not match the general acting mode. As her father, Tiger Brown, corrupt chief of London police, Larry Marshall turns in an excellent performance with a touch of Gilbert Sullivan. The dark underside of the Gilbert Sullivan era is

evoked by the show's late Victorin setting. It is 1897, the year of Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee, which makes it possible for Mack to receive a royal pardon for his crimes and a place on the queen's honours list

Jocelyn Herbert's sets are not much better than can be expected of a truck show touring the boon-docks and her costumes are drab and of little distinc-

# UK cinema in lean patch

### 'The Dressmaker' an exception



to expectations.

Fortunately there are some very worthwhile minor productions from time to time, usually funded either by Channel 4's film foundation, or by the more recent BBC film fund. The Dressmaker' is a Film 4 co-production, directed by Jim O'Briens, best known for the controversial 'Monocled Mutineer' TV series. It is set in Livernool in 1944 where 17-wear-old. Liverpool in 1944, where 17-year-old elder is a repressed old spinster, but the younger (Billie Whitelaw) is still a vibrant woman whose husband was killed in the First World War. The tightly controlled pattern of their lives is disrupted when Rita meets a young American GI, with whom she falls pathetically in love. He quickly becomes frustated by her sexual frigidity. Invited for tea, he is attracted by the younger aunt's flirtatious-ness, and soon begins to visit her alone at the house, while Rita grows increasingly jealous and forlorn. When the elder aunt discovers them together, she takes the necessary steps to restore order in her house-hold. All the characters are treated sympathetically, and the Liverpool accent is also toned down, so that even viewers from South of Watford should be able to understand what's

Another Film 4 effort, this time set in London, is 'High Hopes,' the first cinema film directed by Mike Leigh since 1971. In the meantime, of course, he has produced such TV classics as 'Abigail's Party,' and Nuts in May. The principal charac-ters in High Hopes are a pair of 60s relics living in Kings Cross. He is a hearthside Marxist; she wants a baby. Her status obsessed sister has settled twitchily in suburbia with her husband. Their dotty widowed



Leslie Grantham mother is the last council house dweller in a street now full of yuppies, including the callous braying nextdoor neighbours. The action takes the form of a series of set pieces with the characters and their disparate lifestyles interweaving. Leigh cer-tainly has the feel for life's banalities. and the mundane language is often used to extremely funny effect. The problem with concentrating on boring and crass characters is that occasional scenes can tend to feel that way too. But in spite of the cheap shots, there are enough funny moments to make this film very worthwhile, and it probably works much better in a TV/video format than it did on the big screen.

BBC's contribution to the world of cinema is an intense drama directed by no less than Sir Peter Hall, and starring Peggy Ashcroft in the title role of 'She's Been Away.' The rebel daughter of a genteel family, Lillian Huckle has been institutionalized for some 60 years. Now the asylum where she has vegetated for most of her life is being pulled down, and her niece and nephew (played by James Fox and Geraldine James) have decided to take her back into the



A scene from 'High Hopes' directed by Mike Leigh

family home, at least for a while. From the outset of the film the viewer finds himself asking questions. Why was this woman 'put away?' Was her conduct so atrocious that she was a danger to others? Is she now a compiete vegetable, or does she remer ber something about her past? Will she cause trouble and be sent back? What will trigger her memory? It turns out that the niece and nephew are not exactly perfect people either. He is a conservative, pompous ass, whereas she is a failed model/starlet, with a hankering for the bright lights. This is an interesting drama which will please any serious British movie fan, with tight direction, excellent acting, and the human interest of a developing relationship between the niece and her 'crazy' auntie.

Moving down to the East End of London, it is no surprise to find Leslie Grantham delving into the seamier side of life. However, Eastenders fans will know that Dirty Den was dumped into a canal by 'The Firm.' Now the star appears in a new series 'The Paradise Club,' this time as a reluctant villain, inheriting part of his mother's underworld empire along with older brother Frank,

(Don Henderson). Frank is a worldwise priest, former boxer and: Foreign Legionnaire, but also a compulsive gambler. His younger brother Danny is a man trapped by his environment, a weak man who tries to reform, but ends up bending with the wind, ducking and diving and hustling his way into and out of

Finally, we move back up north to Yorkshire for the start of this week's bestseller - Barbara Taylor Bradford's 'Act of Will.' Victoria Tennent stars as Audra, or phaned at the death of her mother, who is sent with her brothers, to live with a penny pinching aunt, until the latter are sent away to Australia. Reduced to a life of poverty as a ward maid in a fever hospital she struggles to survive, and with the help of her friend Gwen, becomes a fully qualified nurse. She marries the dashing young Vincent Crowther, but as she was warned, married life proves difficult. Can Audra rise above it all? Fans of the family saga will enjoy this one which goes on to span three generations.
The above films are available at The Video Club in Salmiya, Salhiya, Farwaniya and Fintas, Tel: 5724372.



Vulcanologist Sulistio, shrouded in pungent sulphur tumes, measures the gas temperature atop Merapi. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Tigers and ants sense volcano eruption Watching the ring of fire for trouble

TNDONESIANS watch the movements of tigers and ants and scan high-technology equip-tment to determine if one of the world's most active volcanoes is about to erupt.

Mount Merapi, in the fertile heart of Java, is the most closely watched of the 129 active volcanoes that dot Indonesia's island chain and give it its ominous nickname — The Ring of Fire. Merapi last erupted in 1984.

Since then it has built up a dome of hardened lava that is now five times as big as when it last exploded. Seismic activity rumblings of above four on the open-ended Richter scale - has in the past few months impred from one a day to around 65.

When the ants come up, we know we must watch out, the mountain is getting hot," said a local farmer." And when the tigers come down, that really means trouble."

The temperamental volcano erupts every few years. Now we're really waiting for the big one," said Irwin Bahar

who heads the Merapi Observatory in Jogjakarta, the ancient seat of Javanese culture, which nestle uneasily 30 km (20 miles) southwest of the volcano.

The weight of the lava dome is now about equal to the upward pressure of the molten rock, or magma, inside the volcano. If that delicate balance is upset, the fireworks could start. Some fear that the onset of

Java's violent rainy season this month, coupled with the seismic activity, could trigger an erup-"I'm scared of these next few

months. If heavy rains and the tectonic movements shift a bit of the dome, it could trigger the magma and blow the whole lot," Irwin said. He said more than 10 million

cubic metres of rock, dust and volcanic mud could shower onto villages and price paddies around the base of the mountain. The government forbids settlement for 10 km (six milies)

around the volcano. But volcanic

ash makes for fertile fields that

local peasants do not pass up easily, and clearing the zone of people is difficult.
"Of course they clear out while

we are looking and come back later on." Irwan said. Villagers are well aware of the danger. An elaborate tom-tom network beats out warnings relayed from observatories and there is an officials evacuation

drill once a year. Added to that, natural warnings are deeply rooted in local folklore, including the movements of ants and tigers.

Volcano watchers, most of them local people employed by the government to climb Merapi photographs and measure gas temperatures, are not all scep-tical of the folklore.

"It's true there are tigers on the south side, and before the 1984 eruption they were seen in the villages, "said Sumiti, a 59-yearold volcano watcher who has been climbing Merapi for 30

Previous eruptions have

broken down the southwest side of the crater facing Jogjakarta, providing a neat lip from which material could pour down valleys and river beds towards

A Japanses-financed dambuilding project is designed to guard against vast, slow flows of volcanic mud bearing down on Jgjakarta.

But, says Jean-Christophe Sabroux, a French vulcanologist at the vulcanological survey of Indonesia in Bandung, "if the whole thing blows up, it could happen in hours. The dams won't do a thing in that case."

The prospect of a snap eruption looms large over those who try to predict the behaviour of the erratic Merapi. "The best we can do is look at how it was yesterday and what it is today and try to guess what it will become tomorrow," sighed

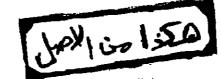
"Vulcanology is not a very precise science," agreed Sabroux, who is overseeing a French-financed project that will monitor some of Indonesia's more remote volcanoes. A high-technology recorder

perched on top of a volcano will measure movement, temperature and other data, and relay it to a satellite that passes overhead several times a day. The satellite will beam the information back to a receiver in Bandung immediately.

It's the perfect solution for Indonesia," said Sabroux. A test: monitor carried up a volcano in: the north of remote Sulawesi island by buffalo has been working well, and France hopes 15: others will eventually follow.

"The greatest danger is not from a Merapi, which we watch like hawks," said JA Katili, a special adviser to Jakarta on volcanoes."It is from somewhere we haven't even thought of."

Unexpected eruptions from volcanoes thought to be dormant have accounted for many of the 153.375 volcano-related deaths: in Indonesia over the past two centuries — 60 per cent of the world's total.



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### Basebali team

WASHINGTON, Nov 8, (AP): President Bush yesterday credited the World Series champion Oakland Athletics for helping earthquake-weary San Francisco Bay residents recover from "hard and tragic times." In a Rose Garden ceremony, Bush praised the team as "cham-pions on the field and champions off

#### **British soccer**

LONDON, Nov 8, (Reuter): Results of British soccer matches played yes-terday: English League Cup third round replays. Bolton I Swindon I after extra time. (90 mins: 0-0. Eventual winners at home to Southampton in the fourth round). Bournemouth 0 Sunderland 1 (Sunderland away to Exeter).

#### **Browns star**

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov 8 (Reuter): Kevin Mack, star running back of the Cleveland Browns, rejoined the team yesterday after spending six weeks in jail on a drug charge.

#### **Dutch attack**

AMSTERDAM, Nov 8, (Reuter): AC Milan's Marco van Basten, in dazzling form since his return from injury, is set to lead the Dutch attack when they face Finland in a decisive World Cup qualifying tie in Rotter-

#### dam next week. Cup qualifier

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Nov 8, (Reuter): Tickets for the crucial World Cup qualifying match between Trinidad/Tobago and the United States were all snapped up as soon as they went on sale, the islands' soccer association said yesterday.

#### French soccer

TOULOUSE, France, Nov 8, (Reuter): West German international Klaus Aliofs netted his 10th goal of the French League soccer season yesterday to give Bordeaux a 1-0 home win over Toulouse and extended their lead in the First Division to five points.

#### **Amateur status**

JOHANNESBURG, Nov (Reuter): South African rugby union chief Danie Craven today came out strongly in favour of relaxing the sport's strict rules on amateur status. **Útah's bid** 

### SALT LAKE CITY, Nov 8, (AP): Sponsors of Uttah's bid for the 1988 winter Olympic Games, elated by voter approval of a multimilliondollar sports building project, say it's time to prepare to "have the world come here."

#### Runaway choice

NEW YORK, Nov 8, (Reuter): Greg Olson, whose success out of the bullpen helped reverse the fortunes of the Baltimore Orioles, was the runaway choice as American League Rookie of the Year in voting results announced yesterday.

### Full recovery

LONDON, Nov 8, (Reuter): Boxer Rod Douglas, who underwent an emergency brain operation after he was defeated in a British title fight two weeks ago, will make a full recovery and should leave hospital in about a week, his manager said yes-

### Richards out

LONDON, Nov 8, (Reuter): Dean Richards, the Leicester and England number eight, is expected to miss the entire Five Nations Rugby Union championship following an operation on a longstanding shoulder

### Australia lose

PARIS, Nov 8, (Reuter): Australia lost for the third time on their French rugby union tour when they went down 21-19 to an Ile de France selec tion vesterday.

#### **UNLV** win

LAS VEGAS, Nov 8, (AP): Anderson Hunt scored 36 points and Larry Johnson added 29 as UNLV fought back a second half surge jast night for a 107-102 victory over the Soviet

#### Union national team. **Boxer arrested**

MADRID, Spain, Nov 8, (AP): Police arrested former European heavyweight boxing champion Alfredo Evangelista yesterday for possession of cocaine, a police spok-

Damages sought STOCKHOLM, Nov 8, (Reuter): Former tennis star Bjorn Borg filed a lawsuit today demanding four million crowns (\$625,000) damages from a Swedish magazine which published an article in which he was said to be addicted to cocaine.

### BRIDGE

RESULTS of bridge game held on Tues-day at SAS Hotel

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# Shriver snaps upset string at Chicago tournament

CHICAGO, Nov 8, (Reuter): Pam Shriver snapped a string of upsets when she overwhelmed Sophie Amiach yesterday in a first-round match at the \$250,000 Chicago Women's Tennis

The seventh-seeded Shriver made sure she did not become the championship's fourth straight seeded player to fall by rushing to a 6-1 6-0 victory over her French opponent. Amiach held on her first serve of the

match but failed to win another game against the hard-serving American.

"It always feels good when I serve " Shriver said after her 45-minute win. "I felt confident. Sophie doesn't have the game that can hurt me."

Before Shriver's victory, no seeded player had been able to survive her

opening match. Jana Novotna, the fifth-seeded Czechoslovak, and eight-seeded Soviet Natalia Zvereva were eliminated on Monday and sixth-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez continued the trend yesterday when she lost to follow-American Gretchen Magers 6-3 7-5.

The top four seeds - defender Martina Navratilova, Zina Garrison, Helena

The Indian School Fahaheel held its annual sports meet at the Government Girls Secondary Schools

Fahaheel yesterday. Above: some of the winners after receiving their prizes with the chief guest (left) and

other teachers. Below: Students get ready to put on one of their P.E. displays. (Photos by Khalil Jaber)

Sukova and Manuela Maleeva first-round byes and were to play their openings matches this evening. Magers came from 4-1 down in the

second set against Fernandez, who failed to hold serve in the last four tries.

# Wilander, Agassi triumph

### Lundgren stuns Mancini

STOCKHOLM, Nov 8, (UPI): Former world No.1 Mats Wilander fought back against a West German qualifier to win his first match in over two months, while American hope Andre Agassi easily disposed of a Czechoslovakian qualifier in the feature second round games of the \$1,025,000 Stockholm Open Grand Prix tennis tournament

last night. Wilander, down on No. 13 on the rankings after his weakest season since the breakthrough in 1982, looked rusty against 124ranked Udo Riglewski, but eventually ran out a 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 vic-

Agassi, seeded fourth, returned well to down 2.02 metre towering Milan Srejer 6-4, 6-3.

The world's top three-ranked players — Ivan Lendl, defending champion Boris Becker and home ace Stefan Edberg - were set to open their challenges in the world's oldest indoor Grand Prix tournament this evening.

Three unseeded home players caused the first upsets in the tournament.

Peter Lundgren took a deserving 6-3, 6-2 win over sixth-seeded Alberto Mancini of Argentina and is to face in the third round

a men's tennis tournament.

tournaments.

shutout.

ches this evening.

WEMBLEY, England, Nov 8, (AP): Alexander

Volkov of the Soviet Union wore down fourth-seeded Jimmy Connors and upset the 37-year-old

American 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 last night in the first round of

Connors squandered a match point in the third-

"I gave it all I had. I continued to go for my shots

Connors was the only seed to lose on the opening

set tiebreaker to give Volkov his first victory in seven

even after that match point," said Connors, who has

108 career tournament titles to Volkov's none. "But

day of the \$440,000 tournment. Third-seeded Brad

Gilbert of the United States, the highest-ranked

Africa 6-0, 6-1, coming within one point of a

"I've never been close to that situation before,

being within a point for 6-0, 6-0," Gilbert said. "But

I was striking the ball pretty good. I did everything well today — I wish I could play like that all the

Sixth-seeded Kevin Curren beat Andrei Cher-

sakov of the Soviet Union 7-6, 6-4; another Soviet,

seventh-seeded Andrei Chesnokov, came within a

game of losing before beating Nick Brown of Britain 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; and eighth-seeded Miloslav Mecir beat

Christo van Rensburg of South Africa 7-6, 1-6. 6-1.

Top seed John McEnroe and second-seeded

Connors came into Wembley arena playing some

EAST BERLIN, Nov 8, (Reuter): East Germany,

thrusting its new policy of openness into the sports

arena, admitted today for the first time that some of

its athletes had been exposed in dope tests as drug-

Germany's Kreischa doping laboratory near Dres-den, newspapers said 14 positive results were retur-

ned by unnamed East German athletes last year in

testing at domestic events or in spot checks during

It was an astonishing about-face for this sports-

mad country, contrasting with outraged denials five months ago when a defector alleged top stars were

routinely using drugs to enhance their performance.

was the case but it was the first time East Germany

had publicly conceded any of its sportsmen and

There was no implication on Wednesday that this

Reporting on an unprecedented visit to East

Michael Chang were to play their first-round mat-

what I had wasn't enough. He played well."

Magnus Gustafsson, who created another surprise when he put out 12th-seed Italian Paolo

Cane, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4. Jonas Svensson wasted little time in his 6-2, 6-4 assault on 14th-seed Yugoslavian Goran Prpic.
It was Wilander's second

round of the US Open to American Pete Sampras, crashed out in the first round at Los



Wilander: fought back for victory

tournament victories this autumn.

to send the match to a third set.

was growing up.

Volkov said

of the best tennis in recent years, with two European

He opened a 5-0 lead over Volkov in the first set

and appeared to be on his way into the second round

of a tournament he won in 1976 and 1981. But the

Every time Connors looked ready to put the

match away, Volkov got better. Connors held a 4-3

lead with a break in the secone set, but Volkov — a

hard-hitting baseliner - won three games in a row

Connors broke for a 3-2 lead in the third, but

again Volkov came back moving the American

veteran around the court. In the tiebreaker, Con-

nors was at match point at 6-5 when he ran into an

old nemesis, slamming a forehand into the net. He

followed with two more errors, a forehand long and

a backhand long, and Volkov had a victory over a

player he said he used to watch on television while he

"He played well tonight but he was not so quick,"

In other opening-day matches, American Paul Annacone beat Henry Leconte 7-6, 6-1; Wally Masur of Australia beat Kelly Evernden of New

Zealand 6-1, 6-2; Amos Mansdorf beat Christian Saceanu of West Germany 6-3, 6-3; Guy Forget of France beat John Fitzgerald of Australia 6-3, 6-2; Michael Stich of West Germany beat American Ken

Flach 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; and Flach's longtime doubles

partner, Robert Seguso, beat Andrew Castle of

women had been caught using drugs.

The admission came as East Germany's media

opened up as never before to tackle previously taboo

Two stars have been caught at overseas events — athlete Ilona Siupianek in 1977 and cyclist Norbert

Kreischa, for years off-limits even to East Ger-

man reporters, is one of 19 around the world approved by the International Olympic Committee

(IOC), although the laboratory tends to concentrate

Figures in Junge Welt showed Kreischa conduc-

ted 4,463 tests last year, one-tenth of the world total,

and there were 19 positive results, 14 of them East

It gave no figures for previous years. Kreischa has

been operating for the IOC since 1980.

tall left-hander from Moscow had other ideas.

Angeles the week after and was subdued by Mancini in his comeback at Paris last week.

He was No. 1 in the world last fall after victories in the Australian Open, French Open and US Open. But the Greenwich, Connecticut-based Swede admitted yesterday he has a long way back to the top.

In the third round Wilander can expect a stiff challenge from tenth-seed Austrian Thomas Muster, who overcame Swedish qualifier Thomas Hogstedt 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Agassi, a US Open semifinalist

this season, flustered Srejber with quick returns on bullet serves and perfect passing shots when the opponent approached

the net. The 19-year-old Las Vegas, Nevada-player broke to 6-4 in the first set and to 5-3 in the second, both times on double-

faults from Srejber. In other second round action yesterday, fifth-seeded Aaron Krickstein overpowered Swedish qualifier Ronnie Bathman 6-0, 6-7 (7-3), 6-3 to set up an encounter with 11th-seeded fellow-American Jim Courier, who eliminated US-compatriot Todd Witsken 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

# **Budd happy**

LONDON, Nov 8, (AP): Zola Budd, who returned to Britain today for the first time since fleeing to South Africa amid antiapartheid protests, said it was good to be back. But she said she never could run for Britain again

"The political situation is think it will be a long time before

as an emotional wreck when she left her suburban home for her native Blomfontein in May 1988, looked relaxed and cheerful as she arrived to promote her autobiography, "Zola." The book, written with South

African track writer Hugh Eley, is to be released in Britain Mon-

day.
"It's nice to come back without feeling under pressure, Budd said.

in the women's 5,000 metres but best known for her tangle of legs with American Mary Decker in the 1984 Olympic 3,000, Budd flew into Heathrow airport with Mike Pieterse, a 26-year-old South African businessman whom she married last spring.

She said she was returning "under happier circumstances than when I left. I was in a really bad state at that time and it took quite a while to get back in shape.

"But I am fine now. Married life is great, I'm enjoying it very much and we are very happy."

### to be back in Britain

because of political pressures.

"I don't see myself competing at international level again and certainly not for Britain," Budd said. "The political situation and pressure involved would make it impossible for me to even think of running for Britain again - it would be out of the question.

changing in South Africa, but I it affects sport."

Budd, who had been described

A former world record-holder

Konadu takes crown MEXICO CITY, Nov 8, (Reuter): Nana Konadu of got off to a quick start with a left-hook knockdown in the early seconds of the first round that Ghana used his trademark stunned the 52.16 kg Roman. power punching to take the World Boxing Council (WBC) Konadu, 25, plowed down 27-

Indian School sports meet

super-flyweight title from Mexico's Gilberto Roman by a unanimous decision in a scheduled 12round bout here yesterday. Undefeated Konadu battered Roman to the canvas four times

in the first four rounds, striking out with a stinging hook which left the Mexican dazed. The three US judges scored the fight 118-104, 116-109 and 119-

103, all in Konadu's favour.

year-old Roman with a righthook in the third round and twice in the fourth round with left

Roman fought back with a surge of energy in the fifth round but Konadu dodged most of his By the seventh round, Roman

was already showing signs of fatigue. In the 10th, barely survived yet another power punch assault by Konadu.

### Konadu, weighing 51.90 kg, DHL brush aside SCC

DHL recorded its second consecutive victory in the Bombay Youth Cricket Tournament, played at Kuna grounds on Friday, crushing SCC by 8 wickets. In the previous encounter, the hosts BYCC were defeated by a margin of 121 runs.

SCC, after winning the toss, opted to bat first. Waleed and Masood opened the innings against the DHL attack of Rony Jr and Tariq. Rony Jr bowled 5 overs, 2 maidens and claimed 2 wickets for 3 runs while Tariq bowled 5 overs, 1 maiden, 1 wkt for 15. SCC managed only 113 runs in 25 overs. Aslam was the highest scorer with 35 runs. Rony Sr claimed 2 wickets for 21, Masood one for 34 and one for 6 runs.

Skipper Saleem and Ashfao opened the innings for DHL, putting 52 runs on board in just 7 overs before Saleem was bowled by Noel for 18. After adding 10 more to the score, Ashfaq was adjusted lbw for 41 runs. Rony Sr and Sandeep took SCC bowlers to task, reaching the victory target in just six overs put-ting. Ronnie Sr remained imbeaten on 33 while Sandeep was not out on 24. DHL recorded its victory in 13 2nd victory TOKYO, Nov 8. (Reuter). Cuba, led by ace spiker Mireya Luis, upset the Soviet Olympic

**Cuba thrash** 

Soviets for

champions in straight sets to? notch their second win in the women's World Cup volleybalf tournament today.

In a match billed beforehand:

as the true tournament final."
Luis, Magaly Carvajal and Regia Bell unleashed powerful serves and spikes to crush the bewildered Soviet team 15-4 15-6.7

Cuba boycotted the 1988:

Seoul Olympics.
The best the Soviet team could do was draw level at 11-11 in the third set, powered by ace: attacker Irina Smirnova and veteran Valentina Oghiyenko

The Soviet Union is now 1-1. Defending champions China favourites along with Cubar strolled past Peru 15-9 15-5 15-8 for their second win in the eight-

nation round-robin tournament. Ace spiker Li Yueming dis-played tight blocking tactics and powerful spikes to overhelm the mexperienced Peruvians, who

### Ardiles at home in modest Swindon



SWINDON, England, Nov 8, (Reuter): Argentine Osvaldo Ardiles is hoping a modest English Second Division club well away from the hustle and bustle of London will launch him towards another World Cup final appearance — this time as a

E. Germany admits doping cases

subjects.

Duerpisch in 1978.

on testing its own nationals.

manager.

Ardiles, Argentina's midfield hero of their 1978 World Cup triumph, has hung up his boots as a full-time professional and embarked on a new career in

management. His eventual ambition is to manage Argentina and lead his nation to more World Cup glory. But first Ardiles knows he must learn his trade, and he believes there is nowhere better than Swindon Town.
The tiny club in a town 130

kms west of London has a somewhat threadbare soccer history and is an unlikely place to discover a World Cup star who numbers Diego Maradona among his close friends. Yet Ardiles is confident Swin-

don will provide the perfect launch pad for his new career.

For five months into the job, the

man whose razor-sharp skills

delighted Tottenham fans during his playing career is loving every moment of it.

"Being a manager makes you much closer to the community and at the moment I'm enjoying myself a lot. I really, really love the challenge," he said. The contrast between Swin-

don, who have an average gate 8,000, and the great names of his international past such as Huracan, Tottenham and France's Paris St Germain could hardly be more marked.

Swindon have never been in the First Division and were in the fourth from 1982 to 1986. Their high point came in 1969 when they won the League Cup by beating Arsenal 3-1 at Wembley. One of only two foreign man-

agers in the English League — the other is Uruguayan Danny Bergara at Fourth Division Stockport -- Ardiles speaks enthusiastically about the football he wants his new team to play and his own aspirations. Even at 37, the player who

once said he wanted to stay in

top-class soccer until his legs

could no longer carry him has not

abandoned all links with the

"I am still available but I will only play in an emergency, in a case of real necessity," he said.

A rarity in English soccer, which frequently exports its managers but seldom imports them, he says he wants to see a more adventurous, international style of play in his squad.

"I want to put my ideas for-ward with the emphasis on skill," Not for him the hit-and-run,

long ball style adopted by many teams in the Second Division and a few in the First. "Of course you can win by playing that kind of football but

you can also play the other way as well and win. If you give me the choice, I'd prefer to do it with His role models are Liverpool, perennial challengers for the English championship, and European champions AC Milan of Italy. But he realises the reality

glamorous club. Nonetheless, "Ossic" has his ambitions, and one of his greatest is managing Argentina

of his situation and the fact that

his is neither a wealthy nor

and also Tottenham, the north London side he joined after his nation's triumph in 1978. "Managing Tottenham would

be one of my ambitions," he said. "Managing the Argentina national team would be another. But that is more in the future, more like a dream." Cigarettes at the ready, Ardiles speaks warmly of Cesar Luis Menotti, the chain-smoking

manager of Argentina's team in 1978, whom he admires above all Ardiles considers Maradona the greatest player he has ever known and talks frequently by

telephone with the man who led Argentina to their 1986 World Cup win in Mexico.
But Ardiles does not believe Maradona will join the ranks of players turned managers. "I

don't think Maradona is man-

agement potential. Maradona is

a magician.
"Sometimes he is completely out of it but then he suddenly wakes up and bangs in three goals. But don't even think about asking him to organise a team, he said. "He can't do it, he doesn't want to do it."



The sonic gun used to nobble lie de Chypre.

### Security being stepped up.

LONDON, Nov 8, (Reuter): British racecourses have been advised to examine it security following allegations that an ultrasonic gun hidden in a pair of binoculars was used to nobble a horse in a race at Royal Ascot. The Jockey Club, the sport's ruling body, said yesterday it had asked the British Racecourse Association to consider the security implications of claims in top-class horse lie de Chypre to lose a race.

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Counsel for the gun's inventor admitted in court that there was "a conspiraty."

In a statement, the Jockey Club warned that anyone found on a racecourse, with a sonic gun could face criminal charges and said it had asked the association:

"Although there has not been an opportunity to carry out an independent test on this device, it is recognised that there is a possibility it could upset horses during a race," the statement said.

"In the meantime, security arrangements remain the content of the statement said."

"In the meantime, security arrangements remain the responsibility will racecourses after consultation with local police."

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### Edwards lifts Heat past Nets

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Nov 8, (AP): Kevin Edwards scored 15 points and Tellis Frank and Rony Scikaly each added 14 as the Miami Heat held off two late charges and beat the New Jersey Nets 83-77 tast night for their first victory of the

The Heat, a second-year NBA Expansion team, dropped its fost 17 games last year and its first two this season. The Nets had won their first two, including a 10-90 rout of the Heat in Winni last week.

Mismi led 73-61 midway Rough the fourth quarter when w lersey railied. A free throw and two baskets by Chris Morris gon to 74-72. Miami scaled the victory by scoring the next six plants as Edward and rookie Clean Rice made baskets around tip free throws by Rosy

Hopson led the Nets with 17 points and Sam Bowie had 15

Bullets 118, Hawks 114 Bernard King scored 15 of his 19 points in the third quarter and grabbed a key offensive rebound with 12 seconds left. The Bullets led 115-114 with 12 seconds left when Washington's Mark Alarie missed a shot and King reboun-

The Hawks had a chance with four seconds left trailing 116-114 bit a corner jump shot by Cliff Livingston bounded off the rim.

Bulls 117, Pistons 114 Michael Jordan's slam dunk bloom the with 1:05 remaining and the Bulls beat the Pistons in Chicago for the first time since Jan 16, 1988. Chicago had lost seven straight home games to the Pistons and seven in a row in regular-season play against Detroit since April 3, 1988. Jordan had 40 points, with his key basket coming after Scottie Pippen snatched the ball from Islah Thomas.

. Bucks 106, Celtics 100

Fred Roberts scored 26 points ad Ricky Pierce had 14 of his 21 the fourth-quarter, including a ey basket with 24 seconds maining, as Milwaukee won its

Pierce's biggest basket of the ame was a jumper from the left de that gave Milwaukee a )3-100 lead. Larry Bird's two ce throws plus a turnaround imper with 41 seconds left had rought Boston to within 101-

Rockets 109, Trail Blazers 56 .Mitchell Wiggins scored eight s in strain points in the third quarter, two in second a less than the entire Portland resecond a team. Portland led 52-50 at half-World Cop time but Wiggins hit an 18-footer ich biled be game and Houston tch billed he went on to outscore the Trail it carvaids Riezers 28-10 in the period.

shed powers - It was the Trail Blazers' to crush is second-lowest scoring quarter in tell lean jurianchise history. They scored mine points in a quarter on Dec oycotted 12: 1972 against the Milwaukee Bucks.

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### You've only got one life, says Prost

# Controversial Formula One year ends

LONDON, Nov8, (Reuter): The torrential rain which reduced Sunday's Australian Grand Prix to a chaotic struggle for survival provided an apt conclusion to one of the most sensational and controversial seasons since Giuseppe Farina won the first Formula One World Champion-

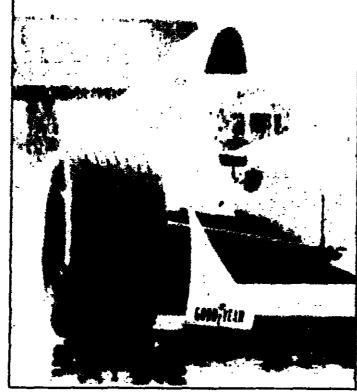
ship in 1950. Belgian Thierry Boutsen's victory, well deserved for his courage and judgement in the wet, will be remembered less as his second triumph of 1989 than for the rows and recriminations which followed the organisers' decision to stage the race despite protests from the drivers.

Newly-crowned world cham-pion Alain Prost, the almostrefuctant victor of a season-long dispute with his own McLaren team-mate Ayrton Senna, led the opposition to the decision and predictably, also criticised the Brazilian's reluctance to join a race boycott by drivers.

"All of the drivers were agreed not to 1300 except one and that's Senna," said the Frenchman. whose season-long consistency and pragmatism enabled him to secure the title for a third time. "It's a great pity.

"I cannot understand the sense in people going out in conditions like that. I am very upset -- you've only got one life. There are absolutely no reasons to

"They could have waited an hour. The track was undriveable. We've never seen aquaplaning



Alain Prost driving in the rain in Adelaide before retiring

Prost might have added that he had never seen a season like it as he, Senna, Briton Nigel Mansell and Formula One itself had their reputations and futures dragged through the courts.

Even before the season began in Rio de Janeiro last March, the year had started sadly with Fren-chman Philippe Streiff suffering

serious injuries in an accident in his AGS during testing at the
Autodromo Nelson Piquet.
Insulficient and badly-organised medical preparations were
highlighted by Streiff's
predicament as he had to wait
hours for treatment and removal

to hospital. He was lucky to escape alive as



Ayrton Senna talking to a mechanic before the Japanese Grand Prix.

were Senna and Austrian Gerhard Berger who collided at high speed on the first corner of the first lap of the first race of the year, won unexpectedly by Mansell on his Grand Prix debut in a

Berger, almost miraculously, had an even more astonishing escape a month later when his Ferrari burst into flames at the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola. He will be glad his season, blighted by ill-fortune, is over and will look forward to a new start alongside Senna as Prost's replacement at McLaren next

The Brazilian, who once again proved a master of qualifying by

claiming 13 pole positions for the second successive year, finished the year with six victories discounting his disqualified triumph in Japan, the decision which effectively handed Prost

Prost, the winner of just four races, won the championship thanks to his consistent accumulation of points and Senna's win-or-bust style, an approach which saw him crash in Brazil, Portugal, Japan and Australia and which played a part in his retirement in several other

Imola, where Senna won the San Marino Grand Prix, was a decisive race. Apart from Berger's horrific crash, it saw the final break-up of all pretence at harmony between Prost and Senna under the McLaren ban-

The pair argued over inter-pretations of their own private drivers' agreement for starting races. Senna won the race, but a furious raging Prost won the psy-chological war and ultimately

the championship.

By mid-season, Prost was 20 points ahead in the championship thanks to an unexpected three wins in four races when he announced his departure from McLaren and openly criticised Honda for supplying Senna with more powerful and reliable

The lead he had was crucial, because once the Frenchman revealed he would be joining Ferrari for 1990, his support form revived and only the bullish improved efforts of Mansell's Ferrari seemed capable of preventing the Brazilian from storming to a second successive

Their collision at Estoril. where Mansell might have won, but was disqualified in the controversial 'black flag' affair, and Prost's with Senna at Suzuka, where either could have won, were the flashpoints of the year and effectively reduced the defending champion from revered sportsman to aggressive

Mansell's appeal to Paris and his subsequent acceptance of the decision of the International Motor Sports Federation (Fisa) earned him sympathy and respect around the world.

dangerman in the minds of many

But Senna's appeal against his Japanese disqualification earned him few friends and his and the McLaren team's refusal to accept Fisa's severe punishment did little to improve his or motor racing's tarnished image as the row rumbled on to Adelaide.

There, Sunday's events proved once again, that nothing - not even conditions which the most experienced drivers described as deadly - will prevent Formula One's administrators from risk-

ing all for commercial gain.

Briton Derek Warwick, veteran of 114 Grands Prix, said: The priority should always be safety and it was too dangerous to start. There is more and more pressure from TV."

### Fide readmits Iran

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Nov 8, (Reuter): The World Chess Federation (Fide) said yesterday it had agreed to readmit to membership Iran, the reputed birthplace of the game, after an absence of eight years. But there was less agreement over an application for affiliation to Fide by the International Players' Union (GMA).

Fide president Florencio Campomanes told a news conference a decision on GMA's application had been postponed until today.

This was to give time for further discussions over the main points at issue between the two groups, which have threatened to cause an

issue between the two groups, which have threatened to cause an irreparable split.

Campomanes declined to give details of the issues, saying "this is best handled quietly." But sources close to the GMA president, world champion Garry

Kasparov, said prospective finalists in the forthcoming World Chess Championship to be held in Lyon, Fance, had not been consulted about the match conditions and GMA would not accept them as they stood. GMA was also refusing to permit the Fide president to have control of a proposed joint fund to promote the game in developing chess

Iran was readmitted to Fide after withdrawing following its 1979 During most of its absence chess was banned in Iran on religious

grounds. It was assumed that the ban had been removed by President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani but Campomanes said the country's late spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini had done so.

international master Khosra Harandi, general-secretary of the Iranian Chess Federation, promised that this would present no problem.

### Yugoslavs clinch silver

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Nov 8, (Reuter): Yugoslavia took the silver medal at the World Team Chess Championship yesterday after British grandmaster Nigel Short lost from a winning position to a Chinese player in the final round.

The Soviet Union, already sure of retaining their position as world champions, defeated Cuba to end five points clear of the second-placed

In a tense finish, both the Yugoslavia-United States and England-China matches went into adjournments before the final placing became In the Yugoslavs' match against the Americans, the game on board

two was agreed a draw even though Yugoslav grandmaster Bozidar Ivanovic was two pawns up at the time. The US players could manage only one other draw and lost by three

The other important match saw top English grandmaster Nigel Short lose to Chinese international master Jiangchuan Ye through over-ambition whilst in a winning position. It was the single most notable victory achieved by a Chinese player.

### finishes first at last

THE wind finally came back to best racing conditions for the day of the Autumn Series of silah Beach Windsurfing

Steve Kelly, after a long sence from winning, finally on two of the three races, with ve Hutchinson taking the

the first race, the course was ill adjusted triangle with a leg and two fast broad rea-The wind was up to force 4 Kelly on his 75m sail ered around the course three ses to take the top position. Die Hutchinson came in cond followed by Owen

For the second race, the course as set to an M shape for good bing practice. Kelly came in ist again, this time closely foll-wed by Mike Quinn and Stevie

The final race was a slalom rure of 8 course with a Le Mans yle beach start to please the control rge crowd of speciators on the ach who enjoys the close up ew of all the crashes which hooles ways happen with this type of

Stevie Hutchinson clearly sunped his way to victory over and Mike Quinn. utchinson, still on a high after



Mike Quinn in action,

his victory at the SAS Photosurf the previous Friday, could not better the points total of Ladislao Pasco, who had won the class without entering the day's race.

In the novices class, the 14year-old Tony Walker rested for most of the day as he knew that his lead could not be caught. Andre Lindren was first home in the novices first race and Brian Ashwell won the last two.

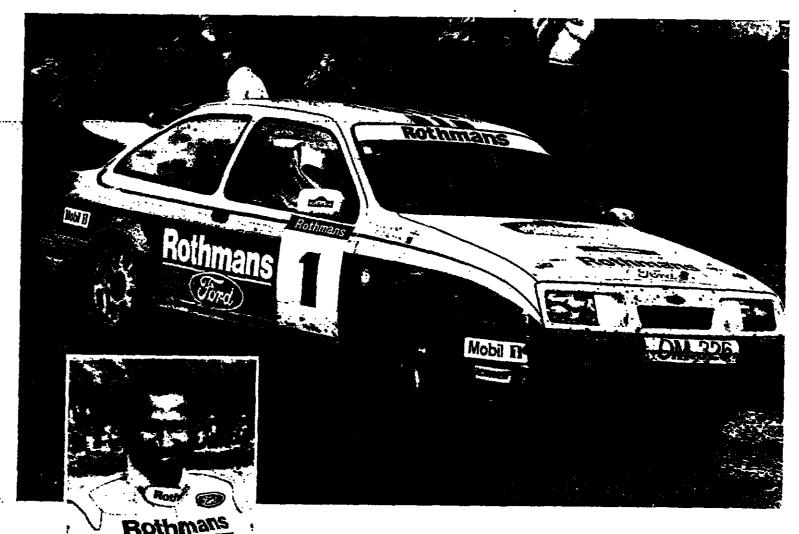
Trophies were awarded to the winners of each of the three classes, with the placings as follows: Novices

1. Tony Walker 2 Brian Ashwell

3. Andrew Lindren 1. Ladislao Pasco 2. Stevie Hutchinson 3. Andrew Waters 1. Steve Kelly 2. Bob Ward 3. Mike Quinn 11 3/4

Racing continues throughout the winter at Messilah with the Winter Series sponsored by Merit, starting on Nov 17. Anyone interested in the Messilah Beach Windsurfing Club should telephone Bob Green on 4896000 ext 3943.

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Congratulations to Saeed Al Hajri on winning the 1989 Cork International Rally, Eire.

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### Kuwait set to face **Pakistan**

PAKISTAN, the favourites to take the volleyball title at the Peace and Friendship Games, Will run into a very determined Kuwaiti side when both teams clash this evening at the Qadsiya: Club at 7.00 pm.

The Pakistanis had been expected to sweep aside all the teams after their magnificent display against the Egyptians in their group match. Their performance, however, seems to have been on the decline after that victory.

The Saudis gave them a tough time and stretched them in all three sets before they won 15-8 15-10 15-12. Everyone watching the match felt that Pakistan could have done much better if they had not taken victory for granted before the match started.

Kuwait will be a difficult side to beat, given their outstanding performance against the Egyptians in the semifinals. The latter had been expected to win the match but Kuwait crushed them 15-4 15-10 15-4. It seems that the home team has peaked at the right moment and is ready to take on the favourites.

Volleyball experts, however, feel that Pakistan's performance against the Saudis is not the real indication of their strength. They have a lot of depth with players like Rab Nawaz, Faisal, Farid and Qaiser. All of them have performed well in the past and are capable of putting in their best again. The other members of the Pakistan team are also excellent players.

The Kuwaiti team is good at blocks and this element of their game has helped them in all their matches. Kuwait's Fawzi Matouk is outstanding among his teammates although the side is very balanced.

All put together, a very exciting match is on the cards and could go either way.

Kuwait, Iran out of soccer tourney

# Iraq, Uganda win in



An action shot of the Kuwait-Iraq match.

IRAQ and Uganda scored close victories to reach the final of the football competition in the Peace and Friendship Games yesterday. The final will be played just before the closing ceremony on Sunday.

Iraq beat Kuwait 2-1 while Uganda denied the spectators of a chance to see an Iran-Iraq clash when they overcame Iran 9-8 in a penalty shootout --- needed after both the teams played to a 2-2 draw after the normal and extra

Ahmad Radhi scored both goals in Iraq's victory over Kuwait, the second coming in the last minute of the game to give Kuwait no chance of affecting a

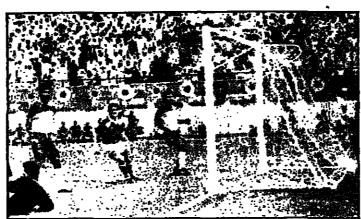
Iraq started the game strongly

by getting the first goal of the match in the 26th minute of the first half to leave his team 1-0 ahead at the interval.

Kuwait had to wait until the 26th minute of the second half to get the equaliser through Hamad Al Salch, who got the goal after taking a chance from a very narrow angle.

Iraq continued to attacking the second half. Bader Al Anbari of Kuwait had to be substituted in the second half because of injury but Al Saleh proved his worth by scoring for Kuwait after only a few minutes of his

Both the teams had equal chances at each others goal but none of the players found their mark until Radhi got the winner



Kuwait gets the equaliser in the 2nd half.

just before the final whistle to send Kuwait out of the tour-

In the second match, Iran went ahead through Mohammad Hasan in the 22nd minute of the first half. Four minutes later, Paul Hasal scored the equaliser for Uganda. A corner was played high in the penalty area and Paul jumped high to head in the goal. The second half passed without any further scoring and extra time was played.

In the second session of extra time, Missi Najib delivered a powerful shot just outside the penaity area to score Uganda's second goal in the second minute. Iran pressed hard and got few chances to score. In the 10th minute of the second extra time Sharookh Bayani got an easy ball inside the penalty area, two Ugandan defenders who rushed to clear the ball but missed. This left Bayani face to face with the goalkeeper just six metres away. He netted the ball easily.

Penalty kicks were enforced to decide the match result. Both teams easily converted their first five kicks. Iran, who began shooting first, scored their sixth kick and so did Uganda. Iran's Jawad shot the seventh kick but it hit the post and rebounded outside. A Ugandan player converted the last penalty.

The final match will be played on Sunday at 5.00 pm but before that Iran and Kuwait will play for the third and fourth posi-

### Peace and Friendship Park established

mittee and heads of delegations TREES of 'peace and friendship' were planted by the various also attened the ceremony. Each country planted a tree in its name delegations taking part in the Peace and Friendship Games.

The trees were planted at the new Peace and Friendship Park, specially established for the occasion. Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and deputy director general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Ahmad Al Nageeb and members of the delegations attended the ceremony.

These trees and plants were brought by participating delegations from their own countries to be planted together in one park, to represent the unity and solidarity of Muslims the world over.

and Labour Assistant Undersecretary for Youth Affairs, Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui, members of the organising comas memory of its participation in the Peace and Friendship

Sheikh Fahd thanked: Heads of delegations taking part in the Games sent a cable of congratulations and thanks to Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed yesterday. They praised the great success of the inaugural ceremony and the organisation of the Games as a whole. The cables aid that Kuwait has yet again proved that it has responsible and efficient men in all fields. They also thanked Sheikh Fahd for the warm hospitality they have been

Iranian team: The Iranian Ambassador to Kuwait, Hussain



The head of Bangladeshi delegation (left) plants the tree he brought from his country.

Sadeqi on Monday evening visited the Iranian football team at the Holiday Inn. He had dinner with them and stayed with

them till 1.00 after midnight. He thanked them for the good performance they presented in their

# Kuwait and UAE

KUWAIT and UAE reached the final of the basketball competition of the Peace and Friendship Games yesterday after beating Jordan and Syria respectively.

In the first match, Kuwait fought back to beat Jordan 77-72 in an exciting match watched by a capacity crowd. fordan who were favoured to win the title, started the match well with their players successfully scoring three-pointers.

In the first few minutes Jordan led 12-6 and then 17-10. They finished the first half in their favour 31-30. But Jordan seemed to have been heavily depending upon their star player, Helal Barakat, who though was out of his striking form yesterday, efficiently guided his team in the first half.

Kuwaiti player, Nasser
Boshnaq on the other band
failed to play the same role for
his team. He had a totally disappointing first half. The other
Kuwaiti star. Faisal Bouresli also seemed out of form in the beginning and committed several mistakes, specially running with the ball.

But both players' magic returned towards the end of the match. They helped Kuwait draw level with Jordan, just 6 minutes before the end. Kuwait then went ahead and never looked back. They were greatly helped when Barakat was taken off for committing five fouls. He was soon followed by another Jordanian player and the Jordanians looked very depleted in both offense and defense.

But Kuwait may find their final match easier than their semifinal. They will meet the surprise team of the tournament; the UAE. Beaten in their opening match against Cameroon by 15 points, they scored an improbably victory by beating Jordan by a margin of 21 points. They went on to beat Indonesia and topped Group B. Yesterday, they sprang another surprise by beating experienced Syria 68-67 after a nail biting finish. UAE led the first half 32-27.

The final match will take place on Saturday at 7.00 pm between Jordan and Syria to determine third and fourth



A Kuwaiti player takes a shot at the basket.



Action shot of the UAE-Syria match

### Indians agree to play under protest

### Srikkanth faces tough task in Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan, Nov 8, (Reuter): New captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth, given the job of restoring India's cricket fortunes, has a daunting task on his first full tour as leader against Imran Khan's buoyant Pakistanis. Srikkanth's team on Friday

open a six-week tour of Pakistan against a background of failures in the recent Shariah Cup and Nehru Cup that followed a 3-0 trouncing in their four-Test series in West Indies earlier this year. Dashing opening batsman Srikkanth, who took over the

captaincy from Dilip Vengsarkar for the Sharjah and Nehru limited-overs tournaments, must galvanise India for a four-Test series against their great rivals and neighbours whom they have never beaten in a Test on Pakistani

Srikkanth's team will confront a Pakistan side whose confidence and morale are high after winning the Sharjah and Nehru Cups, a double triumph in which Imran's ability to bring out the best in his players was a key factor.

India's cricket has been marked this year not only by poor form but internal bickering and disputes with the board, leading the selectors to make changes in the squad for their fifth tour of Pakistan.

The Indian board on Monday turned down the players' demand for higher fees for the tour and warned that it would pick a new squad if they persisted with their demand.

Arif Abbasi, secretary of the Srikkanth: has a daunting task

Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP), yesterday called the dispute an internal matter of India," adding that the Indians had already confirmed the tour and that he had not heard officially of any specific issue from them. So Srikkanth is set to arrive

here tomorrow with a squad containing several youngsters in place of such experienced players as Vengsarkar, fellow batsman Mohinder Amarnath and pace bowler Chetan

Vengsarkar, who opted out of the Pakistan trip because he

was suffering from mental and physical staleness, is one of the most significant figures missing from the side.

A prolific middle-order batsman who has played 105 Tests, Vengsarkar led India on the disastrous tour of West Indies and subsequently apportioned blame for the 3-0 defeat on his specialist batsmen. He claimed they ran away from the relentless fast bowling while the nonrecognised batsmen stood up to the fury of the pacemen.

One man Vengsarkar wanted on that particular tour was Amarnath, a solid middleorder batsman who had established his credentials on the previous tour of the Caribbean. But Amarnath was dropped for calling the selectors a "pack of jokers." His omission from the Pakistan tour was unclear.

Stung by the recent failure of established players, India's selectors have chosen such newcomers as medium-pacers Vivek Razdan and Salil Ank-

ola, and 16-year-old batting prodigy Sachin Tendulkar. Of the nucleus, former cap-tain and all-rounder Kapil Dev is poised to make his 100th Test appearance in the opening match of the series in Karachi. His tally of 347 wickets makes him fourth on the list of the world's leading Test wicket-

India and Pakistan have met in 40 Tests, with the Pakistanis enjoying a 7-4 victory edge. having never lost in 16 Tests at home to their neighbours.

ltinerary: Nov 10, v Pakistan, one-day benefit match, Lahore; Nov 11-13, v Patron's XI, Rawalpindi; Nov 15-20, First Test, Karachi; Nov 23-28, Second Test, Faisalabad; Dec 1 -6, Third Test, Lahore; Dec 9-14, Fourth Test, Sialkot; Dec 16, First oneday international, Peshawar: Dec 18, Second one-day international, Gujranwala; Dec 20. Third one-day international, Karachi, Dec 22, Fourth oneday international, Lahore.

players, backing away from a showdown with the cricket board, set aside their pay demands today and agreed to go on a tour of Pakistan with a symbolic protest. Srikkanth, the captain, said

• Meanwhile the Indian

the squad would refuse to accept any money for the entire six-week tour. Srikkanth said the team was

not clamouring for money, but was asking for a graduated scale of fees in accordance with the seniority of each player in international cricket. He said the current system of

fees was unfair because equal payments were made to the players regardless of whether they were playing their 100th Test match or making their debut.
"This would not benefit us as

much as those who are senior members of the squad five years hence," Srikkanth added. The cricketers signed the tour contract just before a deadline set by the board for the

16-man squad to accept its conditions for the tour. There is no mental block in competing against Pakistan although the record elaborates that touring teams have not beaten Pakistan at home in recent years," Srikkanth said.

### '. Australia defeat Kiwis.

(Reuter): Tim Moody hit 94 not out and led Western Australia to a seven-wicket victory over New Zealand today in the opening one-day match on New Zealand's cricket tour.

Moody, who struck 102 against Tasmania last Sunday, was denied another century only by the modest target of 182 set by the New Zealanders, which Western Australia surpassed with more than 15 overs to spare. Andrew Jones scored 84 and

Jeff Crowe 51 not out but the rest of the New Zealand batting crumbled as the touring side mustered 181 for eight in their allotted 50 overs.

Pace bowler Terry Alderman, scourge of England in this year's Test series, captured three New Zealand wickets for 33, while three batsmen, including Jones, were run out.

Moody entered the fray after Willie Watson trapped West Australian opener Mike Veletta lbw for six to claim the first wicket. He bludgeoned two sixes off

seam bowler Gary Robertson which sailed high over the WACA ground fence and was six short of his century when the home side reached a match-winning 184 for three off 34.1 overs. Moody hit 13 boundaries in all

and shared a stylish and powerful 113-run partnership with his captain Graeme Wood, who scored 48 before he was bowled by John Bracewell.

Scoreboard NEW ZEALAND J. Wright c Zoehrer b Alderman... R. Vance c Veletta b Capes... Jones run out M. Crowe Ibw b Russe . Greatbatch run out . 

Extras (b-1 lb-3 w-2 nb-5).... Total (eight wickets - 50 overs)....181 Fall of wickets: 1-22-133-484-595-147 6-163 7-169 8-178

Did not bat: W. Watson Bowling: Capes 8-1-26-1 (3nb), Aderman 9-0-33-3 (1nb tw), Russell 7-0-26-1 (1nb tw), Macleay 10-2-17-0, Hogan 10-0-47-0, Moody 6-0-28-0

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G. Wood b J. Bracewell. M. Veletta Ibw b Watson. Fall of wickets: 1-25 2-138 3-139.

Russell, K. Macleay, P. Capes, T. Alderman.
Bowling: Morrison 7-0-21-0 (3nb 1w), Watson 7-0-40-1 (4nb 3w).
Robertson 6-0-46-0 (3nb), 8. Bracewell 7-1-36-1, J. Bracewell 7-1-33-

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